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
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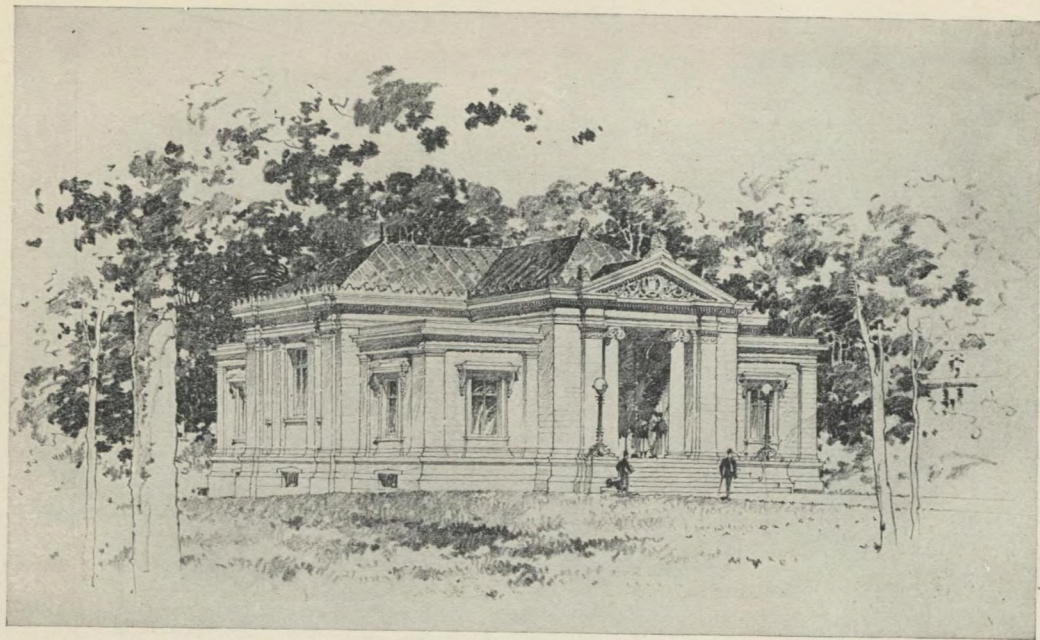
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## THE VERNAL IMPULSE

Lives there a Theta maid with soul so dead she has not  
heard the spring a-calling? Rests the star-gemmed kite  
above a heart that trips not the lightlier when

“Along the budded apple trees  
The robins sing by twos and threes”

and

“Fair white blossoms of the wood  
In groups beside the pathway stand?”

Is there one of our sisterhood who could not say:

“I have leaned me full close to the bark of a tree,  
To know if its heart were athrob with spring passion and glee,  
And found that its longing was like to the longing in me?”

If so, to her I do not write. My pen has its little message  
to-day only for those who have felt a kinship of aspiration  
with nature's awakening brood; for those in whose breasts  
has sprung, with the bloom-time, a new yearning for growth  
and attainment.

That sweet seer, Phillips Brooks, wrote: “The ideal  
life, the life full of completion, haunts us all. We feel the  
thing we ought to be beating beneath the thing we are.”  
The Transcendentalists, inspired thinkers for the most part,  
had countless texts from which to preach the life of vision.  
Every truly great poet expresses, sooner or later, in one  
form or another, an innate faith in the silent promptings of  
man's “unseen deity.” Yet we as college women are grown

intolerant of idealism. We learn to analyze our impulses; to hold ourselves well in hand; to eschew gush and sentiment. We strive for practicality, for judgment and intellect. The timid, voiceless cravings of our inner beings we scarcely heed, so stifled are they by the hurly-burly demands of our every-day existence. Even when Mother Nature raises her joy-pæan of

"Light again, life again, leaf again, love again" and the windflower flaunts a truce-flag to prosaic things; when fair green stretches of field or campus, violet-studded, entice the veriest bookworm to sit "with half-dropped eyelids still," and cherish the long, long thoughts of unending youth; yea, even in the dream-tide of the year we virtuously spur our minds to external tasks, and rarely, ah, rarely do we pause for "lowly listening" to the wisdom within ourselves.

"Uphold day-dreaming, forsooth!" derides the sage little sophomore, and knits her pretty brows disapprovingly.

My child, there be dreams of many sorts, and varied are the ports from which their mist-barques sail. The fancy which drifts idly at the beck of self-love, borne toward the narrow horizon of a certain specific good, is truly the convey of sordid aims and ignoble achievements. Not from such castle-building sprang "Pippa Passes" or the heroic ardor of Florence Nightingale, and not from their like shall come your senior honors. The only reverie which is constructive, creative, is that which draws the individual into a consciousness of the Over-Soul (Emerson's word); that is, into a recognition of his own best powers and noblest desires.

"We live too much on the lowlands of our natures," some one writes; and in acknowledgment of this truth the Christian Endeavor and some other societies urge the observance of a Quiet Hour: a daily time for waiting upon the Infinite. To the degree that we become oblivious, temporarily, of the dictates of common sense and expediency are

we cognizant of the subtler leadings of our spiritual ego. The sight of a generous, self-risking deed, it is sometimes, which lifts us above the plane of mediocre being; again it is the spell of an artist's brush or a poet's prescient lines; and frequently the source is from within—"the Eternal Thought speaking to your thought," as George McDonald phrases it. But whatsoever it be that quickens our appreciation of excellence and sets our souls a-tiptoe with up-reaching, it renders us a great and sure service.

It is out of our chrysalis longings that every butterfly hope of our lives has burst its way. Our involuntary enthusiasms are the promissory notes of our futures, to be redeemed or not as we ourselves determine. Lowell's lines are familiar:

"Longing is God's fresh heavenward will  
With our poor earthward striving;  
We quench it that we may be still  
Content with merely living:

But would we learn that heart's full scope  
Which we are hourly wronging,  
Our lives must climb from hope to hope  
And realize our longing."

A present-day writer, of the intuitional sex, Ella Wheeler Wilcox, thus elaborates the same idea:

"The thing thou cravest so waits in the distance,  
Wrapped in the silences, unseen and dumb;  
Essential to thy soul and thy existence—  
Live worthy of it, call, and it shall come."

"A dangerous doctrine!" cries our sage little lady of the sophomore brow. "What, every wish of the heart bespeak its own fulfillment? Avaunt, such guileful heresies!"

Yet, once upon a time, by a far-away lake of blue, was One who, knowing well our frame and remembering that we are but creatures of dust, smiled the ineffable smile of divine brotherhood and bade us ask, that we might receive;

knock, that the door of our hearts' desires might swing ajar for us.

What did he mean, the wondrous Galilean? — he who never scoffed at man's necessities nor turned a wearied ear from his beseechings? Wherein lies the reconciling factor between these gracious promises and our purblind stumblings toward the yearned-for goal?

George Eliot, humanest of frail humans, was strongly aware, withal, of the "divinity which shapes our ends." "I am proof against that word 'failure,'" she wrote; "I have seen behind it." Charles Kingsley, from his serene heights, declared: "The wiser men are, the less they talk about 'cannot,'" while quaint and lovable Eben Holden is made to say: "Remember there's a way laid out for you. In God's time it will lead to every good thing you desire."

Aye, lift your wide child-eyes to me, fair little sophomore maid. Assuredly there is a lesson back of it all—a firm handclasp somewhere amid all this fog of philosophy. Uncle Eben adds the homely counsel: "Don't jump any fences; don't try to pass any milestun 'fore ye've come to it;" while his fictional confrère, Jed Feary, strings his rustic lute to the words:

"But don't expect too much of God; it wouldn't be quite fair  
If for everything you wanted you need only swap a prayer.

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There's money o' the soul, my boy, you'll find in after years;  
Its pennies are the sweat drops an' its dollars are the tears."

Ah, that "money o' the soul"! That treasure-mine within the fastnesses of our own unexplored possibilities! Who was it said, "Our wishes measure just our capabilities?" Will Shakespeare warns us that our doubts are traitors, and another, of no less golden wisdom, asserts the belief that self-trust is the secret of success. From the Concord archangel rings the glad slogan: "Soul inherits all that soul can dare."

There are latent powers within each one of us, and

Ruskin enjoins it as a constant duty upon every man to seek them out. All growth is an unfoldment; all attainment but a realization of preconceived ideals. "Nothing can work me damage but myself," says St. Bernard; "Nothing can bring you peace but yourself," echoes Emerson; and then, as if the question in the wide eyes had wrung its answer from the universe, comes, clear and uncompromising, the command: "*To thine own self—be true.*"

Tennyson held that 'tis only noble to be good; pagan Omar taught: "To be good is all; the rest avails not;" one there was, gone forth upon a radiant quest, whose strength was as the strength of ten because his heart was pure. "Seek ye first——" said the gentle Master; and not otherwise shall you obtain the "all things."

You, then, little sophomore lass, and you who sit with dreamful looks about her—let but each summer breeze that plays across your cheek, each bright vacation day that pours its largess in your lap, bring you firmer purpose to walk worthy of the hope which springs to life when the world's babbling voices are stilled and "the thing we long for" holds its sway "for one transcendent moment;" let but the autumn set its glowing seal upon a fixed, unswervable resolve that you will earn, and claim, the sacred right to "kiss the lips of thy desire," and then—well, then, not in vain shall I have heard a bluebird's song between pen-strokes this April day in the morning.

Alice Crittenden Derby, *Mu.*

## BROWN UNIVERSITY

"It is enacted that

Every student attend prayers in the Hall morning and evening, at six o'clock in the morning, and at sunset in the evening.

"No student refuse to open his door when he shall hear the stamp of the foot or staff at his door in the entry, which shall be a token that some officer of instruction desires admission, which token every student is forbid to counterfeit or imitate under any pretence whatever.

"That the Freshman class, in alphabetical order, kindle a fire seasonably before morning prayers, in the room where they are attended, during the winter season.

"In Commons, the steward shall call on whom he thinks proper to ask a blessing and return thanks at table, during which no student shall meddle with any of the provisions or table furniture, but behave with decency and sobriety."

Such were some of the laws and customs of Rhode Island College, over one hundred years ago, before it became Brown University, and when it never dreamed that there would ever be a Women's College in Brown University. It was in 1765 that this college was established temporarily at Warren, R. I., under the auspices of the Philadelphia Baptist Association, and for seven months, we are told, the class was a unit, one Willam Rogers, of Newport, and the Faculty was a unit, President James Manning. Removing to Providence in 1770, the college grew and flourished, and in 1804 took, in honor of one of its generous graduates, the name of Brown. This name is especially interesting at this time, as next Commencement will mark the hundredth anniversary of the giving of the first Brown degree, and during this long century, this family, from the original Nicholas down to little six-year-old John Nicholas Brown, who lives across

from the college gates, have been loyal and devoted benefactors of the university.

Brown University, like so many other colleges, is situated on a hill, a very steep hill, and every day and many times a day students trot up and down our famous college hill. Yearly they march over the slope to the First Baptist Meeting-house, built "for the public worship of Almighty God, and also for holding Commencement in," and built, we blush to say, by lottery! Baptists, as we have said, founded the University, and its corporation has more of that denomination than of any other, but, as the charter says, it is a "catholic, comprehensive and liberal institution," such as Providence itself, according to the inscription on the original bell of the meeting-house,

For freedom of conscience the town was first planted,  
Persuasion not force was used by the people,  
This church was the eldest and has not recanted,  
Enjoying and granting bell, temple and steeple.

Perhaps its catholicity becomes most interesting to us when, in 1891, the Women's College was founded. At that time only the privileges of examinations and certificates of proficiency were granted. A year later, all degrees and the graduate courses were opened to women. In November, 1897, the corporation accepted the institution and officially designated it the Women's College in Brown University.

A co-ordinate college is an interesting study. People always ask just how it is related to the university proper, what privileges are granted and what are refused, whether it is more of the nature of a co-educational institution or of a strictly women's college. It is a somewhat complicated arrangement. The Brown women have the same professors, the same courses, the same examinations, at the same places and under the same conditions as the men, the same degree given on Commencement day, when the First Baptist Meeting-house gives shelter to men and women alike. Phi Beta Kappa and Sigma Xi are both open to women; collat-

eral prizes are offered to members of our college, and won. The Classical Society, the Biological and Biblical Research clubs and others of like nature admit both men and women. Just as, however, recitations are separate for the most part, although there are always exceptions, so too the societies and associations are usually exclusively masculine or feminine. "The Komians" present their own plays, and enjoy in turn those of the men's "Sock and Buskin." The women issue a magazine called the "Sepiad," the men "The Brunonian;" the "Liber Brunensis" is published by the men's fraternities, but the Women's College and its various organizations are given a place within its pages. The Women's Athletic Association enjoys a vigorous existence in tennis and basket-ball, and at the same time takes the liveliest interest in Brown's football and baseball teams. Among the girls the Student Government Association and the Brownies play a prominent part, the former's name explaining the part it takes in the affairs of the students; the latter is the social organization of the college, and brings together Seniors and Freshmen, fraternity and non-fraternity women, and often alumnæ and undergraduates. The Monday before Commencement is Class Day, when the girls don their best bibs and tuckers and watch the men celebrate; Tuesday is Ivy Day at the Women's College, and the Senior girls hold sway with speeches, processions and receptions, and Wednesday Brown boys and girls alike do the thing up Brown and get their Brown degrees, and hear famous old graduates recall their youth.

And these graduates, who are they? We are tremendously proud of them. We thrill at the names of John Hay and Richard Olney, diplomates; E. Benjamin Andrews, Chancellor of Nebraska University; James Angell, President of the University of Michigan; Benjamin Ide Wheeler, of California; Mary E. Woolley, President of Mt. Holyoke College, and our own President Faunce. And there are a

hundred others whose very names continually fire our love for old Brown.

In these days when so much is needed in the way of equipment for colleges and universities, one naturally asks, "What are the outward and physical signs of Brown's inward and spiritual grace?" The library of the University dates from 1767, when the Rev. Morgan Edwards collected books for it in England, and now contains about one hundred and thirty thousand volumes. Besides this, in 1901, there was presented to the University the John Carter Brown Library, the most complete collection in the world on the history of the two Americas, down to the end of the eighteenth century. With them was a gift of \$500,000 as an endowment and \$150,000 for a building for their accommodation; 1770 saw the erection of the first college building, the present University Hall, modeled after Nassau Hall, at Princeton, and used during the Revolution as a barracks and hospital, for the combined American and French troops. There are now five men's dormitories and one women's, the Ladd Observatory, the Lyman Gymnasium, for men, Sayles Hall for chapel and large functions, Rhode Island Hall, Wilson Hall, Rogers Hall, Manning Hall and the Engineering Building, used variously for recitations, laboratory work and department libraries. Then there is Pembroke Hall, the women's recitation building ostensibly, though also used for their gymnasium and chapel, reception hall and administration building. At present the men are enjoying the great advantages of a new hall, where the Brown Union makes its home, and all masculine social activities have a place. Since 1901, when the Administration Building and the Van Wickles Gates were built, an iron fence with brick and stone posts has taken the place of the old wooden fence, each section being contributed by or in memory of some class. Two fraternities, Psi Upsilon and Alpha Delta Phi, own handsome chapter houses, and the tendency seems to be in this direction, so that, within a few years, we may expect to see others

of the fifteen men's fraternities established in homes of their own. The women's societies, of which Kappa Alpha Theta is the only strictly national one, modestly confine their secrets within the limits of a single rented room apiece. The women, as well as the men, share in the use of libraries, laboratories, and the large college halls for dinners and other functions, but they are in crying need of a gymnasium and another dormitory.

One hundred and thirty-six years have given opportunity for many happenings and changes. There are hundreds of stories and traditions connected with this venerable institution, the pride of a busy manufacturing city, and to none are they more dear than to the six hundred women who, since 1891, have worked and studied in its halls.

Alma Mater, we hail thee with loyal devotion,  
And bring to thine altar our off'ring of praise,  
Our hearts swell within us with joyful emotion,  
As the name of old Brown in loud chorus we praise.  
The happiest moments of youth's fleeting hours  
We passed 'neath the shade of these time-honored walls,  
And sorrows as transient as April's brief showers  
Have clouded our life in Brunonia's halls.

S. H. *Alpha Epsilon*.

REVIEW OF ARTICLE ON CO-EDUCATION BY  
PRESIDENT HARPER OF CHICAGO  
UNIVERSITY.

[Printed in Harper's Bazar, January and March.]

A treatment, however slight, of this subject now assuming such vast proportions, must necessarily contain much interest to college-bred women. There is certainly no one more fitted to speak the word of final authority than President Harper of Chicago, himself at the head of an institution of learning which has wavered between both of these forms of education, and which may be said to combine somewhat of the *conservatism* of the East with the *democracy* of the West. We regret, therefore that he waived his opportunity to present to us his own views and the result of his experience on the subject, and preferred to trace the general course of co-education in the past and its outlook for the future.

There is no study of the educational philosopher more absorbing than the development of forms of education; of these forms the most modern [and, hence, in our twentieth century minds the best] is Co-education. President Harper goes on skillfully to show that co-education has been the outgrowth of necessity. The East, which had provided and enriched its centers of learning for men while the education of women was still frowned upon, could easily turn its attention to establishing independent colleges for its women, when once the ban upon their higher education had been cast off. Columbia and Barnard could prosper side by side, Wellesley, Vassar, and Smith could exist with Yale and Harvard, founded long before, at their very doors. The West had an entirely different problem to face. Here was a new country, stretching out vastly in possibilities of wealth,

populated suddenly and enormously, ungrounded in traditions, — with ignorance growing rank in its midst. Their need of education was immediate. Women had then been recognized intellectually. What could be more natural, then, than that men and women should flock together with their one common impulse for educational advantages? The West did not have time to discriminate, and so the general centering of men and women resulted in the great Western system of *State Universities*. Shall we say that this forced co-educational system, resulting as it did from economic necessity, represents the *ideal* of our educational system? The South does not stand definitely for or against co-education, except as it has been influenced by Eastern or Western ideas. The “wealthy East” and the “sentimental South” [as President Harper describes them] have been slow to accept co-education, while the West has flown to it instinctively.

President Harper states that upon these facts it is possible to base certain conclusions. Historical and geographical causes have largely affected the results of our educational development for the last fifty years, it is true, yet at the same time the weight of argument rests with co-education as correct pedagogically as well as economically in so far as it represents the most *modern* [and, again, in twentieth century egotism, the best!] spirit of education. If the object is to swing the pendulum as far as possible from mediaeval monasticism, then surely the limit of the swing is represented by western co-education.

Having in a measure acknowledged the desirability of this most modern system, its practicability is still to prove. General application of co-education has three profound difficulties, according to our authority. Just as the laws of the several states grew from the federal law and were differentiated to meet the several conditions, so the general principles of co-education would have to be modified to be successful in widely differing environment. Three ele-

ments according to Harper are absolutely essential, "association, equality [between men and women], and the same administration." These are the general provisions for successful and real co-education, but even the flexibility of these elements do not separate co-education from grave difficulties and disadvantages.

In the first place there is the *locality* of the college to be considered. A system of unlimited association would manifestly fail in a large city with its many social conventionalities, while it would lose most of its terrors were the college located in a village or town with freedom of relationship and possibilities for simple association.

A second difficulty grows out of the comparative *sizes* of institutions of learning were the principle of co-education generally accepted. The association of several thousands of men and women is a much more complicated problem than when the number is limited to a few hundreds.

A third difficulty, — and one which has perhaps caused the largest amount of disparagement to co-education, is the *age* question. Evidently the association of young men and young women in the close relations of every day life, not only during hours of study, but also during hours of recreation, is an entirely different matter from the sort of association which is afforded during the busy hours of high school work with the shelter of the home as the background and the youth of the students constantly acting as a safeguard.

Some institutions represent only one of these difficulties, some two, some all three, as in the case of Chicago University. Yet, in conclusion, President Harper feels himself justified in saying, in spite of the great difficulties in the way, that — "the question is no longer, Shall there be co-education? but, How shall the principles of co-education be adjusted to particular institutions?"

MARGUERITE CAMPION,  
*Alpha Beta.*

## A PLEA FOR A LARGE ATTENDANCE AT CONVENTION

As the anticipation of the happy, busy days in Philadelphia suggests in recollection Upsilon's charming hospitality and the countless pleasures of the last Convention — the intensely interesting business sessions; the delightful surprise of unexpectedly seeing again Thetas whom we had met, and the development of former Theta acquaintances into friendships; the informal discussions with various official and visiting delegates, leading to the exchange of local customs and a general broader understanding of fraternity organization — one idea emphasizes itself, the true worth of our fraternity as a *national* society. Through a Convention we are doubtless brought to a greater appreciation of the fraternity's national privileges than in any other way and with this appreciation comes naturally an increased sense of responsibility. Are we receiving more than we are giving? Do we always in our own college chapter — wherever it may be — co-operate systematically with the *whole* fraternity? Perhaps the chapter is in a city college, facing a multiplicity of interests, where the whirl of college activity comes into collision with the home social duties, perhaps it is in a small town where the university with its absorbing interests seems all-sufficient — whatever the environment, we wrong ourselves and our fraternity if our chapter meets merely the needs of a local social club.

This plea for a large representative at Convention is primarily to insure to every chapter through its delegation the broadest possible conception of fraternity. Let us imagine, to be optimistic, two hundred college girls, representing the best from twenty-four of our leading colleges and fifty or more of our alumnae, all with the same enthusiasm, the

same interests and ideals. It is a part of your college life which you can scarcely afford to miss, and if ever a realization of this desire is to be yours, now is the time that the greatest benefit can be derived. If Freshmen, you will have the advantage of this wider view of the college world throughout your course, and deeper significance of fraternity ideals during your whole active fraternity career. If Sophomores or Juniors, no other time will be as propitious, since within the next two years your undergraduate work will be completed, and the days following any other Convention may not find you closely associated with your college chapter. If Seniors, the sixteenth Biennial Convention will most adequately supplement your college and fraternity life and furnish an incentive to alumnae association. If alumnae, come and be convinced of what you missed as college students. All this urging is directed to Thetas who have not already known a Convention. To all who have it speaks for itself. Let us expect the coming Convention to be the largest, the most inspiring of the fraternity, and if every Theta does all within her power to make it so, the anticipation will be grandly realized.

ANNA HARRISON,  
*President Delta District.*

## RESPONSIBILITIES OF CHAPTERS AND DELEGATES FOR THE SUCCESS OF THE NATIONAL CONVENTION

I am sure that the active and alumnae chapters of Kappa Alpha Theta have not in the past realized as they should the extent to which they can and ought to contribute to the success of the national convention of the fraternity.

Every chapter should devote several meetings prior to the departure of its delegate for the Convention to the study of important subjects that have arisen since the last convention, or to new phases of old subjects. It should also make a careful review of the Constitution with reference to proposed amendments and additions, as well as of the By-Laws, so that its delegate may be able to give a positive answer as to constitution interpretation in her own chapter.

A chapter cannot be a force in the National Organization unless the delegate shows by her part in the convention proceedings that her chapter is on the alert with regard to all questions of interest to the fraternity at large. At our coming Convention one of the most important topics to be considered has to do with Inter-Fraternity Relations as between National Organizations and as between active chapters in a given college or university. Every Theta chapter has in its possession the Inter-sorority Conference reports and a close study of the history so far made by these conferences should be made at this time by the chapters. Every delegate should be provided with a copy of the Pan-Hellenic constitution in the college from which she comes, and should be intelligent on the subject of the success or failure of the undertaking in her own university.

In my opinion the most of the burden of a successful

convention rests with the chapters as a whole. An enthusiastic chapter that has been conscientious in its relations to the institution where it is located, and to the students of such institution, non-fraternity as well as fraternity, to its own individual members and lastly to its national organization, cannot fail to be a power in such organization. And a delegate who has the honor of representing such a chapter will be a recognized force in the convention, for she cannot be other than a good delegate with such a chapter to inspire her.

As soon as the delegate is chosen by a chapter she should at once begin her preparation for the work of the Convention. The delegate owes it to her chapter she represents and to the fraternity at large to be as well equipped for this work as possible.

If you are asked by the Council Officers to make special preparation along any given line, do it with your whole heart, and if you feel that anyone else in your chapter can prepare a better paper on the subject do not hesitate to take advantage of such help. It is your best effort that the Council asks and nothing short of this can satisfy.

Often in looking back on our Conventions the strongest impressions are of the delegates individually in both business and social relations. Let us remember that we all are one large family for these few days together, and let every delegate come this summer prepared to give the best that is in her to the convention, — to see only the best in others — to be charitable toward the officers and delegates, and we cannot ask more, for this spirit surely will make a most successful and delightful convention.

GRACE EAGLESON,  
*Pres. Beta District.*

## REPORT OF THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The Education Committee submit the following report of the results of the examination 1905.

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It is advised that members of every chapter shall inform themselves correctly upon all points in the questions of this examination.

MAY K. FLANNERY, *Chairman.*

ANNA W. WATERS.

# Διαλεγόμεθα

## A Dinner in Japan

A vegetarian dinner in a Buddhist restaurant might not appeal to every one as a very tempting affair, but we certainly enjoyed the evening when we went up the Sumida River and dined on Lenten fare. When we reached the big wooden gates of our destination, a servant bobbed out, paper lantern in hand, and escorted us down the winding stone-paved walk, around to the back of the house where, in Japan, the best rooms are always found. The room was ready for us, but very bare it would seem to the Occidental mind, for there were no signs of chairs or tables. But the floor was covered with clean, soft mats and we, following established custom, took off our shoes and sat down on our feet.

Presently the shuffling of feet outside the sliding paper doors announced that our feast was near at hand. The doors were pushed open and in came two acolytes, Buddhist priestlings, back-robed, with shaven heads. These solemn-faced lads brought with them little tables, perhaps a foot high, which they proceeded to cover with a perfect flotilla of small dishes filled with vegetables, many and various.

The moment's silence was broken by a young Englishman who remarked in a tone of deep conviction, "I say, what a horrid mess!" That was the unspoken thought of us all, but we wouldn't have said so for worlds! We sipped our barley-water, investigated dishes of unknown eatables, fell back on familiar rice, and at last adjourned, going out into the garden, a landscape garden, with miniature lake and hills, lighted for the occasion, by torches burning fitfully.

By this time, the little acolytes had waxed friendly and communicative. They told us how they were obliged to study the Buddhist scriptures every day in a temple near by. Finally they volunteered to dance for us. So the sliding doors were pushed back as far as possible, and we, sitting on benches in the garden, our backs turned on the wee, dark lake, watched one of those posture dances which are peculiarly Japanese. At last, they conducted us, again with lanterns, down to the big gates and repeating "sayo nava" watched us as we disappeared into the darkness of a long avenue of cherry trees.

RUTH R. THOMPSON,  
*Epsilon '99.*

### Iota's Scrap-Book

A scrap-book is to chapter history what the mayonnaise is to the salad, or the punctuation to the paragraph. It accentuates. The myriad facts and statistics are the skeleton of chapter experience, but it is Memory which incorporates and humanizes. In the catalogue it is recorded that A—— B—— graduated from Cornell in 1887, with the Phi Beta Kappa trimmings. We remember the name, but we do not know the person until we turn the pages of the large black scrap-book up in the chapter room, and read the satire she wrote about herself and another Theta of long ago, until we see her name on the yellowed program for "She Stoops to Conquer," peruse the Theta song bearing her signature, and notice the "stunts" she managed. Then we feel that A—— B—— really walked the corridors we walk, and loved the things we love, and was a Theta as we are. The scrap-book has revived her for us.

And Iota's scrap-book is at hand. Look it over with us. Here on the first page is the entire correspondence which tells the story of the founding of our chapter. The strong, determined, sometimes quaint phraseology of those

women who wanted the best and better than the best, and got it because they wanted it, expresses the dedication of the book, almost its sanctification.

On page seven, much bethumbed, is the newspaper account of an early convention and its festivities. It is the fountain-head of the chapter chuckle—a tender, appreciative chuckle at that. A susceptible but doubtless discerning reporter says, "It will be pardonable to say they were beautiful in looks, charming in manners and altogether lovely." Our ancestors were gayly bedecked—"heliotrope satin, trimmed with Spanish lace; cardinal silk and light blue satin waist; elegant white silk and velvet; cardinal velvet underskirt and light blue overdress." To sum up, "Many who have attended gay and brilliant balls in our largest cities say the affair of Monday night eclipsed anything in that line they had ever witnessed. Most of the gentlemen were attired in dress suits."

Here is a lucid description, whose author was evidently a mathematician. "The badge of the Kappa Alpha Theta is a gold plate about an inch in length, having four curved sides, which are equal in length, two and two, one pair being longer than the other." The Cornell "Era" of February 4, 1881, dubs the pin "lozenge shaped"—not that anyone of us would mistake our pin for a troche on a dark night!

Further on are early invitations, programs, manuscript copies of chapter songs, a Kappa Alpha Theta smoking song in a masculine hand, statisticians' letters, and banquet menu cards, all gently jostling shoulders with an aspect of supreme gentility. Two parodies make faces at each other from opposite sheets. A long row of wedding invitations from former Iotas hold hands merrily, and seem to invite additions to their circle.

Girls of long ago, women of now, it pleases us to think that the path you have marked out for us had its pleasant by-ways and hedges, that the footsteps which we try so loyally to follow are at times detected in designs indicative

of judicious jig and polka. And so we close the black covers, with the golden insignia, and place our scrap-book back on the shelves to sweeten with age, meanwhile whispering of the festivities of long ago.

ABBIE F. POTTS.

### House Management

The subject of house management is not often discussed in our Journal, and yet it cannot fail to occupy an important place in the life of a chapter. Why should we not be as careful of our financial standing as we are of our college reputation? Certainly poor management and indebtedness lower the standard of a fraternity in the eyes of the world, besides retarding its growth. No chapter house can thrive unless its financial basis is secure, and the responsibility of that rests largely with the house manager. A girl may be able to add and subtract correctly and yet fail when she undertakes to manage a house. To be successful the person chosen must have energy, a decided interest in the work and far-sighted business ability. The best basis for chapter capital seems to be a banking system, which by use of checks avoids the handling of money. The income of the house rests largely on the girls within it, but the responsibility should be on the entire chapter. There is no reason why a fraternity, though primarily not a financial organization, should fall below the standard of a successful corporation outside the college world.

HELEN PARKER, *Omega*.

### Theta Spirit

You have all heard of the doctrine of the "nobility of little things," have you not? In this belief we can find the true essence of the Theta spirit. It teaches us that the great sacrifices, the great accomplishments are not the common experience of us all; that while they come perhaps once in the life time of a few, it is the everyday little sacrifices and

small attainments that are given most of us to perform. All of us can give up little things, can do our ordinary work well, making unselfishness the keynote of our efforts. Here we have the true Theta spirit; that spirit which makes us think of general fraternity interests before those of our chapter, and of chapter interests before those of ourselves as individuals; the spirit which makes us quick to see the occasion for just a word of needed encouragement, and to give it from our hearts; which makes us happy in the success of a sister Theta and disappointed when she has failed. So our Theta spirit is found in the power of the single word, the little thoughtfulness, the work-a-day unselfishness. For it is the little things that count.

RUTH HAYNES, *Upsilon*.

### Unity of Chapter

Unity of chapter becomes a greater and greater problem as the chapter's roll lengthens. How to reach and know the alumnae of twenty years ago is a question in every chapter. And with all loyal alumnae there is a desire to know the girls now filling their places in the active chapter. Suggestions toward this mutual acquaintance are constantly being made in the fraternity magazines. This combination of several suggestions has seemed, at least to an alumna, very well worth a trial. Before Founders' day, long enough before to give ample time for reply, every alumna member of the chapter receives a note from some member of the college chapter asking for a letter for that occasion; these replies to form a part of the Founders' day celebration. Afterward an account of the celebration is added to the letters received and the whole sent as a Round Robin to every member of the chapter absent from the celebration, finally being returned to the chapter archives. Each member of the active chapter might add a note before the Robin starts, for then it would represent the chapter as individuals. Such a

yearly budget would make the *alumnæ* feel that each had, for all time, her place in the chapter, and bring much return in the way of active interest and inspiration from the *alumnæ* to the active chapter.

*Phi.*

### A Kappa Alpha Theta Crest

For a long time the spirit of the fraternity has been opposed to the use of the badge for any thing other than a badge. The last Grand Convention expressed formally this general sentiment and forbade the use of the badge in any manner save as a regulation pin. We are at liberty to use, upon hat-pins, belt-buckles, etc., the K A Θ monogram, but not long since a protest against pledges wearing the letters was voiced. It is an indication of a growing feeling of the deep meaning and sacredness of what the letters K A Θ represent. True, it is nothing so much as love of the fraternity, the desire to have her watch-word always before us in one way and another, that has given rise to the large manufacture of such articles bearing fraternity insignia. What we especially need is some insignia, crest, coat-of-arms, what you will, but something that would be at once pleasing, artistic and significant for all such use from which the badge is excluded.

Dear as is the symbolism of the pin, a distinctive crest would and should come to mean something apart and yet significant of all that is embodied in the pin. In no wise would it detract from the pin, but rather heighten its significance. There is probably not a girl who wears the kite who has not at some time felt the need of a distinctive insignia, because she realizes the necessity for a design that could symbolize the salient features of the fraternity for use in lesser matters, and because she wants the pin to be and remain exclusively an emblem not to be used promiscuously.

I would suggest that every chapter, active and *alumnæ*,

put to use the talents of their artistic members to produce a finished design for a crest, and send this on to the convention. There a selection can be made and adopted for the general insignia of the fraternity to be used on paper, in gold, in silver, everywhere it is desirable to have a memento of Theta.

VERA N. McCABE, *Alpha Delta.*

### Looking Backward—By a Senior

Well does each of you remember the day you first wore the colors of Kappa Alpha Theta! Do you remember the glow that warmed your heart when you thought of what a wonderful thing had come to your life? During the period before initiation how you watched the other girls, your sisters, and longed to show them that latent powers lay within you, through which you would endeavor to honor your fraternity. Do you remember how your heart beat on the night of initiation, till it seemed as though others must hear its violent thumping? How much you would be to your fraternity! What honors you would seek after, that your fraternity might be honored through you! And the days passed. You had lived each day as well as you knew how. Your Sophomore and Junior years flew swiftly by. In September you entered upon your last year in college. How much this year has meant to you! You are now an older sister to new Thetas. There is a little tug at your heart—strings when your thoughts dwell on the fact that in June you must say good-bye to these girls who for years have been your daily companions. You have not accomplished all the wonderful things you intended on that night after initiation, but you look back upon your fraternity life as the dearest recollection of your college life. When work was hard, it became easier when you thought that by overcoming that problem you were doing your part in that way toward keeping up good scholarship in Theta. In June you take

your diploma, the result of four years' labor. You graduate from your Alma Mater—but you do not graduate from Theta. Your Theta ideals, inculcated during your Freshman year, are now part of your very being. Your pin stands for all that is good and noble. Through all your life you are a Theta, standing for Theta ideals. In whatever line of work we may be led, may each one of us proclaim through our lives the ennobling influence of our fraternity! Vive la K A Θ!

*Pi.*

### A Chapter House

The thing which has interested us most of late, as a chapter, is the new house which we are hoping to live in next fall. Last year, we were fortunate enough to gain the interest of a man who was in every way so desirable as a friend in a case of this kind that we had not been bold enough to apply to him. We did apply as a last resort, and with very good success. He advanced the money for the lot at once, with the promise of the rest when we should begin to build.

In regard to payment, seven hundred dollars were to be paid down on the 1st of September, 1904. Then, beginning with the first year that we live in the house we are to pay a specified sum each year for five years. This sum includes a payment on the principal, together with interest, taxes and all repairs to be made. A first and a second mortgage are to be drawn on the property. At the end of five years we will have paid off the first mortgage, and the property will be handed over to us, to be virtually our own. We have as many years as we want for paying the second mortgage. All this time, however, money which we would be paying into other hands as rent will go toward buying our own house.

Naturally, there is some risk, since the yearly payment depends to a great extent on a group of girls, changing from

year to year and never having an extraordinary amount of this world's goods. Still, if we are unfortunate, the property is valuable in itself. The lot is just across the street from the Women's Building. With a well built house, it can be sold at full value at any time.

Our alumnæ have been a great help to us in the money line, which is the important thing. Last year all members of this chapter were notified of this movement, and asked to make a yearly pledge for the next five years and also to help toward the seven hundred dollars due in September. They have responded so that they practically take care of the excess over ordinary house rent in the yearly payment. The active chapter, too, made pledges for the next five years.

Of course, there are details about the proposition that we do not dream of until we meet them face to face. At such times fraternity becomes a meeting of the corporation of Delta Chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta. Thanks to good advisers, everything has been legal so far.

It is our aim to have everything done so that work may begin as soon as possible. This year is a hard one in many ways, but we have a strong, active chapter, we are all enthusiastic, and we never hope to have a better opportunity. Most of us are sure that next fall will see Delta's house something more than a dream.

*Delta.*

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JULY 3-7—Convention Sessions

JULY 7 —Day spent at Spring Lake Beach

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## HOTEL RATES

The rates are \$2.50 per day, two in a room. Single room \$3.00 per day. Rooms with private bath may be had for \$1.00 extra per room. This rate is for visitors as well as delegates.

Banquet tickets will be \$2.00.

All visitors should engage their hotel accommodations NOT LATER THAN JUNE 20th. Address,

MR. A. D. BRAMHALL, Manager,

Hotel Normandie, Philadelphia.

## DELEGATES HOTEL BILLS

Hotel bills will be paid for delegates from July 3d after breakfast to July 7th after breakfast.

## MAIL

All mail for delegates and visitors should be addressed, Hotel Normandie, Philadelphia, Pa., Cor. 36th and Chestnut Streets, Kappa Alpha Theta Convention.

## Railroad Rates and Routes

On account of the National Educational Association meeting at Asbury Park, New Jersey, from the 3d to the 7th of July, we are able to assure our delegates and visitors of good rates from all parts of the country. Tickets should be purchased to ASBURY PARK, New Jersey, but wherever possible these tickets should read via PHILADELPHIA, that the delegate may leave the train at that point. The rate announced by the railroads is one first-class limited fare to New York plus \$3.35 for the round trip. This fare applies for tickets routed either via direct lines or via New York.

### EXTENDED RETURN LIMIT

Tickets MUST be presented by the original purchaser to the Joint Agent at Asbury Park not later than July 10th. On payment of fifty cents these tickets may be extended. The final return limit on these tickets leaving Asbury Park is August 31st.

An opportunity will be given the delegates to deposit their tickets if they so desire on July 7th, our convention outing at Spring Lake Beach. Spring Lake is four miles south of Asbury Park and is connected with it by trolley. An effort is being made to have our tickets good for stop over at Philadelphia, good until the 7th, but we are unable to make any definite announcement at this time in regard to this matter.

### STOP-OVER AT NEW YORK

Stop-over at New York may be obtained on return trip on tickets reading via New York, provided ticket has been validated by Joint Agent at Asbury Park and is deposited by original purchaser with Joint Agent at New York not later than one day after validation at Asbury Park, and upon payment of fee of \$1.00 at time of deposit, but in no case shall the stop-over at New York extend beyond August 31. Joint Agent at New York will attach Stop-over Certificate to ticket, which shall not be delivered to passenger earlier than two hours before departure of trains on which return trip will begin (except that for trains leaving after 6:00 p. m. and before 9:00 a. m. ticket will be delivered to passenger at 6:00 p. m.)

## Official Route

### PENNSYLVANIA LINES

The Pennsylvania Lines have been selected as the official route for delegates and visitors west of the Alleghenies, and wherever possible all tickets should read via this route.

#### SPECIAL CAR

By the courtesy of the Pennsylvania Lines we are able to announce a special convention car through to Philadelphia. For all delegates and visitors west and north of Chicago, this car will leave Chicago on train No. 20 at 10 a. m. July 2d. This train is due at Columbus at 8:05 p. m., where Ohio, Indiana, Southern Illinois and Tennessee delegates may join the party. At 8:20 p. m. the train leaves for Philadelphia, arriving there at 12 o'clock noon, July 3d. All delegates and visitors desiring to secure accommodations on this car should notify the Grand Treasurer, Edith D. Cockins, 1348 Neil Ave., Columbus, Ohio, not later than June 15th.

**PULLMAN RATES**—Double berths from Chicago \$5.00. Section from Chicago \$10.00. Double berth from Columbus \$3.50. Section from Columbus \$7.00.

**BAGGAGE**—All baggage should be checked to PHILADELPHIA and not to Asbury Park.

#### TIME OF ARRIVAL

Delegates should ascertain the time of the arrival of their trains in Philadelphia and should so notify the reception committee of the Swarthmore Chapter,

ANNA K. WOLFF,  
229 South 42d Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

All trains from the west stop in West Philadelphia. If you plan to leave the train at this station instead of going to the Broad Street station please so notify the committee.

## THE CONVENTION

Elsewhere in this number of our Journal appears the programme for the coming convention. Our hope is to make this convention a memorable one in interest, attendance and good fellowship. Many important questions are to come before the convention, but, with four days for conference, it has been arranged to vary the business sessions with meetings for intercourse with one another — assemblies that shall be a “good time together.”

Our Grand Treasurer has made the most perfect arrangements for our physical comfort and convenience in a fine, airy hotel all to ourselves for the week, in quiet West Philadelphia. The location, with the very advantageous eastward rates to be secured at that time owing to the N. E. A. convention at Asbury, New Jersey, should insure a large attendance. Let each one of us make an effort to be there in person. Let each college chapter be sure that every alumna member of the chapter is fully informed of convention plans, dates, etc.

Alpha Beta has kindly offered to share in the responsibility of receiving this convention which is not at the actual home of any chapter. She has invited the convention to visit her college home at Swarthmore on July fourth. There we shall enjoy a half-day in the actual environment of one of our chapters. Other chapters will act as hostesses for other gatherings and thus many will share in the preparations, — the conditions being, in a way, analogous to those of the Indianapolis convention where all Indiana chapters united in entertaining the convention.

Plans are on foot for the organization of traveling parties from Chicago and other central points, so the Philadelphia-bound trains may harbor a number of “before-convention” meetings.

Your coöperation, united with the plans made and in the making, will insure a most successful convention, followed by a gay post-conference trip to Spring Lake Beach on Friday.

The chapters are requested to elect their official delegates early, to thoroughly discuss every subject to be presented at convention, and to consider carefully each proposed amendment to the constitution and each change in legislation or administration. Only in this way can a chapter send its official delegate to the convention adequately prepared to represent the chapter.

Each official delegate is hereby appointed a member of the attendance committee, — her duty to bring with her to convention the largest delegation from any chapter. Convention is not for official delegates and officers only. While the responsibility for transacting business is theirs, every Theta at convention may share in the deliberations and so present the fraternity's point of view that the actual legislation shall be in every sense fraternity will.

At the Normandie, West Philadelphia on July 3d to 6th we shall greet one another with heartiest welcome for the sixteenth biennial convention of Kappa Alpha Theta.

L. P. GREEN, *Grand Secretary*.

### Program

Sixteenth Biennial Convention of Kappa Alpha Theta, The Normandie, Philadelphia, July 1st to 7th, 1905.

July 1-3

Grand Council in session.

July 3

10-12 A. M., 1-3 P. M. Credential committee in session.

3 P. M. Formal opening of convention.

4.30 P. M. Committees in session.

8 P. M. Informal reception, roof garden of hotel.

## July 4

- 8.30 A. M. Second session.
  - Journal and catalogue.
  - Finance.
- 1 P. M. Third session.
  - Intersorority Conference.
- 3.30 P. M. Visit at Swarthmore.
- 8.30 P. M. Committees in session.

## July 5

- 8.30 A. M. Fourth session.
  - Reports of committees.
- 11 A. M. District conventions.
- 2 P. M. Fifth session.
  - Insignia, badge, song-books, etc.
  - Recess.
- 4.30 P. M. Sixth session. Alumnae session.
  - Report from each alumnae chapter.
  - Discussion of alumnae work and problems.
- 5.30 P. M. Committees in session.
- 8 P. M. College women in the world: discussed informally by alumnae working in various fields.

## July 6

- 9 A. M. Seventh session.
  - Constitution committee's report.
  - Amendments.
  - Chapters by-laws.
  - Miscellaneous business.
- 2 P. M. Eighth session.
  - Reports of convention committees.
  - Election of officers.
  - Installation of officers.
- 8 P. M. Banquet.

## July 7

- Day spent together at Spring Lake Beach.
- Grand Council in session.

## EDITORIALS

### *Convention*

Our Secretary and Treasurer have submitted such full and emphatic announcements of the coming Convention, that there seems to be nothing more for the editor to say on the subject. The Journal is much elated at the idea of entertaining the convention in Philadelphia, and as representing Alpha Beta chapter and all Philadelphia Thetas, sends a glad welcome to every wise Theta who is planning her convention trip, and begs to be allowed to show you all what a hospitable old city Philadelphia is.

William Penn will beam at you from the tower of our City Hall, and the famous old bell of Independence Hall would surely ring a royal welcome for you, were it not too badly cracked! The suburbs of our Quaker City are Philadelphia's great pride and The Normandie is within a few minutes' ride of green slopes and woodsy roads.

Come, again come, and once more come!

### *Educational Committee*

The report of the Educational Committee will be found in this issue of the Journal. Occupying but half a page, it represents much hard work on the part of the committee, and earnest study from the chapters. Most of the grades are above reproach; four chapters pass the 90 mark, while only four fall below 80. It is probably safe to venture the statement that each one of our twenty-four chapters has a far clearer conception of our national government and policy as a fraternity, and a greater desire to aid in the expansion of our fraternity's power, than before the examination was taken. They are a valuable impetus to national unity, these examinations, and we wish to thank our efficient committee for its good work.

### *Chapter Letters*

Says the editor of Kappa Alpha Journal: "The *only letter* received on time for the present issue was that of Beta Epsilon. The delay on the part of contributors and chapter secretaries, re-

sulting in the pouring in of a great mass of copy behind time, compelled the editor to work every night in succession for two weeks until 2 A. M. One hundred and twenty requests had to be made to get correspondents to do their duty. Now, won't you have pity on the editor next time?

Nevertheless we feel fully repaid, for every chapter has a letter in this issue, so the JOURNAL has published every letter that was due for four successive issues. We do not believe this record has ever been equalled by any other fraternity magazine."

In the seven issues published by the present editor of our JOURNAL, *not one* letter has been missing. But few requests have been sent—about twelve in all, for late letters. For most issues every letter has been in within four days of the appointed time. We do not boast of our fraternity—but we believe in business-like methods in JOURNAL as well as financial matters, and the little word "fine" has magic in its sound. We often wonder why the the men's fraternities rarely if ever apply to their Journal management this most simple method of insuring prompt correspondence. It would be amusing, if it were not pathetic to read the endless editorials in our "masculine contemporaries" (!) bemoaning the absence of ten to twenty chapter letters, or scattering congratulations indiscriminately because there was actually but one absentee in the issue at hand!

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*Alpha Zeta* Alpha Zeta chapter, Barnard College, New York City, wishes to announce through the JOURNAL that the chapter will be glad to hear of any Theta who expects to live in New York next winter, and who would care to live in the Alpha Zeta apartment. Particulars may be obtained from Helen W. Cooley, 241 West 14th St., New York City.

## CHAPTER LETTERS

### Alpha District

IOTA — CORNELL UNIVERSITY.

Iota has had a vacation. Anyone could tell that. Each girl has a new hat and a happy smile consequently.

We want to tell you about our Washington's birthday party. The Kappa Alpha Theta seniors were hostesses, and the decorations were young cherry trees, absolute truthfulness, powder and patches. First course — chops. As is our custom, we posed for a fraternity fancy dress picture after the festivities, "We cannot tell a lie; we did it with our little hatchets."

The seniors won the basket-ball championship, thereby asserting their right to graduate in June. And the Freshmen got off to their banquet without injury to the Sophomores. Their party gowns made a triumphal and crafty escape in laundry bags, and all other strategies were successful.

The serious dramatic achievement for the year is the presentation by Les Cabotins, the French club at Cornell. This year the drama rendered was "Le Malade Imaginaire." A careful preparation and distinct individual ability gave the performance a decided success.

You all know Goldsmith's "Good-natured Man." The Juniors appropriated it for their "stunt" this year, and gave a happily abbreviated and fittingly-gowned version of it, to the tune "Hearts and Flowers," with a minuet as curtain raiser. To be sure, the buckles of our shoes were tinsel, and every snuff-box was empty, but Mr. Croaker was sufficiently pompous and Honeywood sufficiently amenable to impress the audience with our good intentions.

On March 4, Iota initiated into Kappa Alpha Theta

Blanche Walker, of California. This union of East and West within the chapter strengthens the many bonds Iota has with the American Land of Summer, and impels an eager wish for a still stronger union of East and West in the fraternity.

We bid you farewell until convention time.

ABBIE F. POTTS.

LAMBDA — UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT.

Lambda has been quiet since her last letter, for the first two weeks of February are always given up to mid-year examinations, which give momentum for all the rest of the term.

We have revived the custom, which the girls began when we had a chapter house, of having a supper at our rooms every two or three weeks. One night, one of our alumnae came in just as we were gathering up the remains of our spread, and exclaimed, "Why, girls, this seems just like the old chapter-house days!"

On Monday evening, March 20, Miss Mabel Brownell, '01, entertained the Theta girls, old and young. We spent a delightful evening, listening to the experience of Mrs. Howes and Miss Brownell, during their European trip last year.

The college girls had a very successful evening March 17, when they gave a "County Fair" at the gymnasium. Around the sides of the room were booths, from which were sold college banners and pictures. Fudge was made "while you wait," and there were the customary lemonade, peanut and popcorn venders. There were silhouette and fortune booths, side-shows, and everything usually found at a county fair.

The University will be considerably strengthened this year by the establishment of a weather-bureau and observatory on its grounds. This will make Burlington the center of meteorological observation of Vermont. The director

will be engaged to give lectures at the College, which will be a great addition to the Scientific Department.

GERTRUDE E. THOMPSON.

CHI — SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY.

Since our last letter was written, social functions have been engaging much of our time and attention. On Washington's birthday, Chi gave a tea to the wives of the faculty, to students, and to her city friends. We were very glad to have Sarah Hunt, Alpha Beta; Mrs. F. J. Tanner, Iota, and Mrs. Skinner, Theta, with us on that occasion. It is indeed a privilege to meet our sisters from other chapters, and Chi always welcomes them gladly. One of the pleasantest surprises that has come to us was an invitation from Mrs. Earp, wife of Prof. Edwin Earp, of the Sociological Department of the University, to her home on Saturday evening, February 25.

The week of February 13th was devoted to dinners, dances and receptions. Senior week is comparatively an innovation, as last year was the first that it has been observed.

On March 7 our chapter gave a dance in Freeman Hall, in this city. It was with pleasure that we introduced to our friends on that evening Mary Walker, '08, of Oxford, N. Y., as pledged to Kappa Alpha Theta. She was initiated March 24, and already has found her niche in our chapter life. We are proud to announce that one of our Juniors, Luella C. Miller, was lately made president of the Y. W. C. A. for the ensuing year. Elizabeth Tennant, another Theta, is the chairman of the general committee on Bible study. One course of this department is designed especially for fraternities, and has been adopted by each of the women's fraternities. Some of the fraternities among the men are also taking up the plan. This step seems especially important, since it is tending to remove one objection to fraternities—narrowness.

Plans are being arranged for commencement week, for exercises to be conducted entirely by the women of the University. If the plans are adopted, the commencement of 1905 will be a milestone in the history of the women of Syracuse University.

BEULAH B. THROOP.

ALPHA BETA — SWARTHMORE COLLEGE.

"The year's at the spring," and our long asphaltum walk is primly lined with dainty crocuses, the historic old cherry tree is fast sending out its young blossoms to storm the world, and we of Alpha Beta are happy as the fat robins that hop gaily about the campus.

For we have to present to our sister chapters three new members: L. Dorothy Lister, Madeline M. Morrison, and Alice Worth. We had to wait a long time for them, but at last the twenty-fifth of February, our pledge-day, arrived. The initiation was held, by kind invitation, at the home of Mrs. Walter Roberts (Lydia Williams, 1897), in Philadelphia. We were delighted to be honored by the presence of three Grand Council members,—Aurélié M. Reynaud, Caroline F. Comly, and Edith D. Cockins, who was visiting our editor at the time. After the initiation Miss Reynaud came out to college with us for her official visit, which was enjoyed by all active Alpha Betas thoroughly and truly. If we could all fulfill perfectly the Theta responsibility as she set it before us, we would be indeed not only loyal Thetas but ideal women as well.

On the afternoon of the day following the initiation, we gave an informal tea to the members of the Pi Beta Phi and Kappa Kappa Gamma and to the Dean, and were glad to have our number increased by several alumnae Thetas, among them the wife of President Swain. The next day Miss Cockins favored us with a wee flying visit. Our verdict is — if the members of the Grand Council are all like those whom we have met, — "Here's to them!"

There has been a new departure at Swarthmore this year — a glee club among the women students. For months the girls worked faithfully and enthusiastically, and in March, after the final "weeding out" process, which left four Thetas among the elect, presented the results of their labors in the form of a successful and very enjoyable concert.

On the 14th of March, we were entertained by Jacob A. Riis, who delivered a splendid lecture on "Tony's Hardships," — Tony representing the street-waifs of New York City. On March 1st, Dr. Andrew D. White, former Ambassador to Germany, lectured on "Evolution vs. Revolution in Politics."

We are at present eagerly looking forward to Convention, when at last Alpha Beta is to be favored by receiving in her home city "all Thetas everywhere."

Greetings to all, till we can say, "Here's our hand, with our heart in it!"

GERTRUDE M. ADAMS.

ALPHA DELTA — WOMAN'S COLLEGE OF BALTIMORE.

We have just returned to college from our spring vacation, which came unusually early this year, because Easter comes so late. Our faculty thought it best to divide the last half of the year into terms almost equal, instead of crowding the spring holidays so closely upon the end of our college year. We found real spring in Baltimore on our return, judging from the unfailing signs — budding trees, birds, bright sunshine and the inevitable spring hat.

March 6th and 9th, Dr. H. W. Wiley delivered two very interesting lectures on "Foods," and March 10th, Talcott Williams lectured on "Literature and Life." The "Laura Graham Cooper Lecture Foundation," here in the Woman's College, gives us many such opportunities to hear fine addresses by well known lecturers.

All of our thoughts are turning now towards the closing social events of the year, the Junior banquet given by

the Juniors to the Seniors in May, which is always of great importance at our college. Then will follow the Pennsylvania Boating party, the Southern Prom., the College reception, the glee club concert, etc.; all given in honor of 1905.

But dearest to the hearts of Alpha Delta, and the crowning event of the year, will be the KAΘ banquet, when so many of the "old girls" return to their home chapter. Immediately after commencement, Alpha Delta, active and alumnae, will go for the annual house party on the Chesapeake Bay. I wish you could all drop in and see us there and join in the grand times we expect to have. Goodbye, dear Thetas, until Convention.

MINNETTE MILLER.

ALPHA EPSILON — BROWN UNIVERSITY.

Since our last letter to the Journal, a number of exciting announcements have been made concerning the Woman's College of Brown University. We are at last to have a gymnasium of our own. We have long felt a need for a gymnasium as our college increased in size, so the news was very acceptable. Mr. Frank Sayler gave \$50,000 to the University some years ago to be used for something especially needed. This money is to be used for our gymnasium and we are in hopes of having the building completed by next October or November. While our spirits were all exultant, another announcement was made. This was that our Dean, Annie Crosby Emery, had resigned because she was to be married to Professor Francis Allinson, a professor of Greek at Brown University. Miss King, a graduate of Vassar, is to take her place. We are all very glad for Miss Emery, but we shall miss her sadly. There was a meeting of the Rhode Island Women's Collegiate Society, held at Pembroke Hall, Saturday, April 1st. Miss Gill, Dean of Barnard, gave a talk, which was followed by a very pleasant and informal reception. On Monday, April third, Miss Gillespie of the Davidson House spoke on Social

Settlement Work. On April fourth there was a musical given for the students and their friends by Prof. and Mrs. MacDonald, Mr. Manning giving a Chopin recital.

There are to be three organ recitals by Arthur Ryder at Saylor Hall for the students and their friends.

During this term the "Komians" the dramatic society of the Women's College will present a play, and Junior Week is celebrated, so that it is easily seen that Alpha Epsilon, in fact the whole college, will be pretty busy socially. Our fraternity meetings are almost wholly devoted to discussions about the fraternity policy, and business.

FLORENCE E. DOANE.

ALPHA ZETA — BARNARD COLLEGE.

That there has been little news of late at Barnard is due partly to the close of the "mid-year," and partly to the beginning of Lent. Just before Lent, however, came the second of the college "teas," at which the faculty, the students and their friends are enabled to meet each other socially. Upon this particular occasion the wives of members of the faculty, who usually are patronesses, were replaced by some of the Barnard alumnae, Kappa Alpha Theta being represented by May Johnson, '03. Another most enjoyable tea was that given recently to Alpha Zeta by the Barnard chapter of Pi Beta Phi.

On Monday, the 20th of March, Alpha Zeta celebrated her eighth birthday at the home of Muriel Valentine, '07. Many of our alumnae were with us, and everyone brought a birthday present for the chapter. Most of the gifts are for the furnishing of the chapter apartment, and have added considerably to its attractiveness. Alpha Zeta has also had the pleasure of meeting recently Miss Gould and Miss Ray, of Tau; Miss Almgren, of Iota, and Miss Comly, of Alpha Beta, as well as of having present at our last monthly meeting Miss Flannery and Miss Waters, of Alpha Beta; Miss Durstine and Miss Hunter, of Alpha Gamma; Mrs. Werner,

of Alpha, and Mrs. Homer Folks, of Pi. We greatly appreciate the opportunity afforded by our location in New York of meeting Thetas of other chapters, and only hope that members of the fraternity visiting New York will let us welcome them at our apartment at 416 West 118th Street.

Last week the Greek games—a Sophomore—Freshman athletic contest, were held in the theatre, and won by 1907. The Seniors and Juniors attended, and encouraged the Sophomores and Freshmen respectively. This occasion somewhat resembles "Field Day" on a smaller scale, which, by the way, we celebrate on April 17. This is also an athletic contest, open to all four classes, and held in the "field," opposite the college, which was given to Barnard for the erection of a dormitory, and the acquisition of which Field Day commemorates.

The Student Council, consisting of the four class presidents and the officers of the Undergraduate Association, has recently been called upon to advise with the Faculty as to the "cut" system. By their advice the Freshmen must account to the Dean for all their "cuts," the Sophomores and Juniors for all cuts over the number allowed on each course, and the Seniors are held accountable to no one. Although the undergraduates of Barnard have always enjoyed self-government in many matters, yet power as full as that now wielded by the Student Council has never before been in the hands of the students, and the results of their recommendation are being looked for with great interest.

Alpha Zeta sends her best wishes for a prosperous summer to all Thetas!

AMELIA L. HILL.

### Beta District

ALPHA — DEPAUW UNIVERSITY.

Springtime greetings, and the best of wishes to the Seniors whom we shall greet no more through these pages



**VAN WICKLE GATES, BROWN UNIVERSITY**

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as active members, but whom we will be proud to have represent us in "the wide, wide world!"

As the third term has barely begun, little of interest has occurred, except the welcoming of Margaret Tribolet, Susie McWhirter and Carrie Fruchey back to the house circle, and the visits of Josephine Wilkinson, Ruth Baker and Alma John. Consequently, this letter must pick up the thread of correspondence as far back as February 3, when DePauw's orator won the State contest at Indianapolis, and our enthusiasm found vent in ringing the old East College bell for half the night, and in a celebration consisting of college songs and speeches by faculty and students. Now we are basing great hopes upon our winning orator for the interstate contest, to be held about May 18.

February 18 was a day long looked forward to, both by ourselves and our pledges, Gertrude Free, of Alexandria, and Maud Tarleton, of Martinsville, Ind.; for it was then that we went again through our beautiful initiation service. We had several of the *alumnæ* with us and, contrary to our usual custom, we brought the initiates into the parlor afterward to sing songs and enjoy the refreshments, so graciously provided by Mrs. Allen (Blanche Swahlen).

The last number of our college lecture course, which is managed by the students, was given on March 3, and was a rendition of the little farce, "A Pair of Spectacles," by the impersonator, Leland Powers. The sentiment of the piece is quite on a line with what we have been thinking lately; that very often they are not real faults which we see in people, but merely mistakes in our own viewpoint, merely the unkindly glasses, which we have put on, which distort our vision. We are planning to put on our very kindest glasses for a series of parties which we are giving to the sororities here, with a view to becoming better acquainted and establishing more friendly relations with all.

The 1st of April has brought to us of DePauw one of the most pleasant surprises, in the gift of \$50,000 by Andrew

Carnegie, for the building of a College Library, on the condition that \$2,500 be raised to form a permanent endowment. May all the colleges where Theta lives have many such philanthropic friends.

S. F. WORTHINGTON.

BETA — INDIANA UNIVERSITY.

When Beta sent her last chapter letter, the hard rush of the winter term was just over, and we were just settling down to work. Now, early in April, the term's work is done, and we are scattered to our widely separated homes, to enjoy the spring vacation. It will be a changed chapter that we find when we return to the University, for we lose two of our most loyal girls, Juliet Crittenberger, of Anderson, and Ethel Rogers, of Cincinnati, who will spend the spring term at home.

During the last term, we had as our visitors Mary O'Hair, ex-'07, who spent a week with us, and Mrs. Orndorff, of Indianapolis, who visited her daughter, Bernice. One evening we had an informal little dance, followed by a spread, to which we invited several town and high-school girls. Frances Murphy also entertained the active girls at a euchre party, which she gave in honor of her guest, Miss Sexton, of Rushville. It has been rather a quiet term socially, however.

The beautiful campus at Indiana will soon be at its loveliest, and will no doubt be as alluring as ever to devotees of "campus life." We are rejoicing over the legislature's late appropriation of \$100,000 for a new library at Indiana University. Meanwhile, the new Student Building is going up steadily, although somewhat slowly.

RUTH O'HAIR.

EPSILON — WOOSTER UNIVERSITY.

The winter months have passed uneventfully for Epsilon, but the monotony was pleasantly broken from time to time by various social and athletic happenings. On March

second, the active chapter gave a dinner at the home of Frances Kauke for thirty guests. This was followed the next evening by an informal reception in our hall. An interesting series of girls' basket-ball games was played this season. This was practically a new departure, and as such proved very successful. The games were all between the different classes. Good work was done by all the teams and the improvement in playing was rapid. The championship was finally won by the Juniors. The whole enterprise succeeded so well that already plans are being made for next winter's campaign.

The vacancy left in the faculty of the Conservatory of Music by the death of Profesor Oliver has been filled. The new director is J. Lawrence Erb, formerly of New York City. Mr. Erb is not only a good teacher but a brilliant performer and a successful conductor as well, so the prospects of the new administration are very favorable. The director has a large field for work, for besides his pupils, he has the training of the various musical organizations of the school, such as the Oratorio Chorus, the Chapel Choir, and the Choristers.

We have pledged Edna Saunders, '07, of Denison, Tex. Cecelia Remy, '04, was with us for a few days in March. The fact that this is the last letter of the college year reminds us that these are the last weeks of college life for many Thetas. Our best wish for them is that they may carry out into the world, all the enthusiasm, loyalty, and ideals which four years of college and fraternity life have given them.

MARY B. MCCLELLAND.

ETA — UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.

Eta is rejoicing in the beautiful spring weather, and looking forward to the walks, boating and drives that make the season so enjoyable here.

The Freshman banquet ended a most exciting season, and the most important college event is the County Fair for

which each crowd is anxious to plan some novel and perfectly original feature. The Michigan Schoolmasters' Club met here this year bringing back some old friends for a few days, and giving us many opportunities to hear lectures, discussions and concerts. The first warm days of the year always bring the May festival to mind, and although we have still five weeks to wait, the program has already become a general topic of conversation, not only in Ann Arbor, but in all the nearby cities. Grace Holmes, who will be our delegate to the Grand Convention will be glad to tell of the flourishing condition of Eta chapter, and hopes to hear good news from every one. LOUISE HILLS.

MU — ALLEGHENY COLLEGE.

Since our last communication we have added another to our number, and we are proud indeed to introduce Phoebe L. Finley of McKeesport, Pa., our newest Theta. We are now eighteen happy sisters.

Allegheny is particularly joyful just now over a gift of twenty-five thousand dollars from Andrew Carnegie. This sum with an additional twenty-five thousand from various sources is to be used for the improvement and enlargement of several of the college buildings. Ruter Hall will be completely altered and hereafter devoted entirely to the department of Biology. Bentley Hall will be remodeled and a new building will be built for the preparatory department.

The addition to Hulings Hall is of most interest to us. This shatters our hopes of a fraternity house, at least for the present, but we will still have our fraternity rooms and the improvements will make our home a very comfortable one.

We are trying to arrange a reunion of Mu chapter for commencement week. How successful our attempt will be, time will tell. We are very anxious to have all the alumnae come back for the happy gathering — for such we hope it will be.

Mrs. Trumbull of Iota is now living in Meadville.

The active chapter and alumnae were right royally entertained at her home one evening last term at a Valentine party. The entertainment was original and greatly appreciated by the enthusiastic guests.

Preparations are near completion for a mock wedding and wedding supper to be given in the near future for the Theta mothers.

We are now over our examinations, looking forward to spring term with its mingled work and pleasure, and we extend to every Theta hearty wishes that these closing months of college may be happy prosperous ones.

EFFIE MILLIREN.

PI — ALBION COLLEGE.

Our spring term has begun, the last term in college for four of us. The grass on the campus is much greener than when we left for home, and the glamor of spring weather surrounds us. We have been busy arranging our work and enrolling in classes, and are happy in the thought of all being together again.

Our informal entertainment last term was a picnic, in every sense of the word. We had been presented with six new rugs for our living room, one large rug and five smaller ones, by our alumnae. On the large rug we spread our tablecloths, and, seated around these, we most thoroughly enjoyed our picnic dinner. It was distinctly an informal affair, and was decidedly a success.

On the Saturday preceding Washington's birthday, we gave our annual party to the entire College, in the gymnasium. All during the day we were busy decorating, and were delighted with the "bower of beauty" into which we had created the gym. We dressed in colonial costumes, and tried to make the evening as informal as possible. We met the guests at the door, and endeavored to make each person, regardless of rank in society, feel that the evening was for her. Two girls from each of the Sororities, Delta Gamma

and Alphi Chi Omega, and two girls from Sorosis, a local society, as well as two non-fraternity girls presided at the punch bowls. A program was given during the course of the evening. Last year we realized that there were too few opportunities for the students to meet socially, and to meet the faculty, hence our decision to make our party an annual affair.

In the intercollegiate debate, Albion won second, and in the debate with Washington and Jefferson College we won a glorious victory by a unanimous decision. Albion is winning renown through her debating teams.

Near the end of last term the men of Sigma Nu gave a very successful concert to the student body and faculty. Following the concert they gave their annual party to "Sigma Nu girls."

Next year four of us will be "old girls." You dear sisters, who are Seniors, to you especially our hearts go out; for "way down in our hearts" there is such a lonesome feeling. May these last school weeks draw you even closer in Theta's dear bonds. May Fortune not only smile on you all, but snicker right out!

GENEVIEVE M. POPE.

ALPHA GAMMA — OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY.

Alpha Gamma sends her greetings. It does not seem possible that again two months have passed and that it is time for another letter, but one glance out of the window and all doubt is gone. Recall the cold, gray sky and the snow-covered ground of dreary February, and then look about you now, and everywhere the grass is green and the trees are budding, everything is filled with new life and vigor.

Just so contrasted are the two terms at the University, the one we have just closed and the one we are opening; we all look forward to the spring term, for the work that has seemed drudgery in the winter then becomes a pleasure.

Theta, too, is possessed with this feeling and is interested in all sorts of new plans and projects. Last week the alumnae invited the active girls to one of their spreads, at the home of Mrs. Mortimer Bobb (Ida Schille), and after enjoying all the good things to eat a business meeting was held, and, among other things, the constitution of the Pan-Hellenic conference here at O. S. U. was read and discussed. Besides providing for the rushing, it took up the question of high school fraternities, which has become one of great import here. That they are a menace was universally agreed, but how are they to be abolished?

We furthermore decided to give our big formal dance on the 5th of May. We usually give this in February, but now that we have waited so long we are going to make it nicer than ever.

Within the University itself changes have been going on, and now the physics department has been established in its own building, which is just completed. This leaves two large rooms vacant in University Hall, which the girls are hoping will be given to them; we have no woman's building and are in great need of a resting room for the girls.

We will soon think of commencement now, and among the graduates will be Grace Dann, one of our members, but she is a town girl and will merely step from the active into the alumnae chapter, so we will not lose her.

MIGNON POSTE.

ALPHA ETA — VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY.

Alpha Eta's letter for this time must be written almost altogether in the future tense, for things have been very quiet at Vanderbilt for the last two months.

After the fraternity examination our chapter meetings resumed their normal order, and we each heaved a great sigh of relief when we again held our meetings with no special lessons to recite and no dread test hanging over our heads so threateningly, and, besides this, we had an inner con-

sciousness that we knew a great many things that we should have known all along, and which will be useful to us in many ways. As a chapter, we have done absolutely nothing socially since our last letter, with the exception of a few spreads, but there have been several little parties given by members of our chapter. There has been an earnest desire on the part of our girls to promote social intercourse among the girls of Vanderbilt as a body. There is but one opportunity in connection with our college life, for all girls — fraternity or non-fraternity — to meet on common ground and this is in the gymnasium class.

Our member, Miss Vaughn, is gymnasium instructor, and her most earnest endeavor is to eliminate all fraternity feeling during the practice hours. The basket-ball team is composed of three of our girls and two from the local sorority, and among those who play are many who are members of neither. One day, some time ago, Miss Vaughn gave a most delightful party for all the girls who attend the gymnasium, and the success of this showed us all how very easy it is for the women of Vanderbilt really to enjoy themselves as a unit. Following Miss Vaughn's example, another of our girls gave a dance a few nights ago, to the gymnasium class, and this, too, was one of the most pleasant affairs of the year.

Alpha Eta will probably give a dance as soon as Lent is over. We will also give an afternoon tea to our mothers and relatives, to let them see our chapter room and also as a proof of our gratitude for the many kindnesses received from them. The baseball season has opened, spring is here in earnest, and all our talk now is of commencement and next year. In this connection we have arranged for some sort of inter-sorority action to control the rushing next fall. A committee of two from Alpha Eta is to meet with a committee from Theta Delta Theta, and we are hoping that the result of this conference will be a great moderation of the rushing frenzy.

The most beautiful part of our commencement exercises here is the Senior promenade, which takes place with the Class Day exercises, on the evening of June 17. On this occasion Alpha Eta's table on the campus is always very beautiful and popular. One of our friends in the electrical department has made a beautiful kite for us, outlined with incandescent lights, and this, surrounded by many other lights and Japanese lanterns, serves to bring out very attractively our charmingly decorated table and the cosy corners hung with K A @ banners, all against a background of stately trees and twinkling lights.

Through the pleasant anticipation of all these things there is a little tinge of melancholy, and it is with a feeling of sadness that Alpha Eta brings to a close her last letter to the JOURNAL of 1904-05.

LOUISE WILSON.

### Delta District

#### DELTA — UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS.

Within the last two weeks something seems to have inspired everyone here to try to interest the girls of the University in each other. Last Monday night, after fraternity meeting, we entertained the local chapters of Pi Beta Phi and Chi Omega at an informal musical. Our house was filled almost to overflowing and we had a very enjoyable evening. Next Monday we are to entertain the two other fraternities, Kappa Kappa Gamma and Alpha Chi Omega.

One afternoon last week, the women of the faculty gave a successful tea to all the girls of the University, in the newly-furnished Women's Parlor; and the faculty members of the Watcheka League, our women's organization, have issued invitations to the other members to thimble parties at their homes next Saturday.

This bringing the girls together frequently in a purely social way is a condition that has always been desired and

often discussed and planned to no purpose, so now we feel doubly pleased that it is coming of itself.

Our Pan-Hellenic has not been able to settle the rushing question for next year, so a meeting of all the fraternities has been called to hear the question discussed by representatives of both sides. We favor a long rushing season, with limitations as to the manner of rushing and number of parties, so we are hoping that this plan will gain the majority vote.

MINNIE L. PARKER.

KAPPA — UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS.

Spring vacation, that welcome break in the long spring term, is over and Kappa Thetas are back again improving every minute of these last two months, which mean so much to us all. Many of our girls spent the week of vacation in Kansas City, Mo., where they had the privilege of attending Grand Opera, as well as a delightful visit with Kansas City Thetas.

On the evening of February thirteenth, Kappa held initiation for her two new girls, Mary Minor and Ruby Barnette, both of Kansas City, Mo. After the initiation the entertainment for our "Katsup" was a farce cleverly given by our Freshmen.

Among our most pleasant Theta gatherings this spring, was a card party given by Mable Barber, one of our town girls. It does so much for us all to meet in this way, for informal good times, and we only regret that college work and so many outside duties prevent their more frequent occurrence.

On the evening of March 27, we held our pledge service, and pinned colors on Elizabeth Tustan whom we are very proud to count among our number. We are also very proud of our new Phi Beta Kappa, Irene Gilchrist, who was elected to membership this spring.

An occasion of general interest to University girls to

occur this spring is that of a country fair to be given by the Young Woman's Christian Association. The sororities are each to have a booth and are doing all in their power to make it a success in every way.

Kansas University is rejoicing over the generosity of the state legislature this year. An appropriation has been granted for the erection of a new gymnasium, besides a material increase in her annual income.

As the time for convention draws near, enthusiasm increases proportionately. In spite of the intervening distance, a number of Kappa chapter hope to attend, and do all in their power to make this the most enjoyable and profitable Theta convention ever held.

A pleasant vacation to you all.

HELEN ALDER.

RHO — NEBRASKA UNIVERSITY.

Since the last letter, have occurred our banquet and dance. The latter was Friday evening, February the seventeenth and was a success in every way. The decorations were not elaborate but attracted considerable attention. The orchestra was screened by a network of green ribbons with daisies at the intersections. Around the walls were hung huge gold and black pennants.

The following night was the banquet. Forty Thetas were seated at the long table. The toasts were all good and were splendidly introduced by Mrs. Hardy. We were especially interested in what Jessie McFarland told us of the California chapters.

The basket ball season has ended and base ball occupies the center of the field. The men's fraternities have a league and are playing for a trophy cup. A girls' tennis club has been organized and we hope to develop a champion team with interesting matches with other colleges.

MINNIE SWEZEY.

## TAU — NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.

Now that examinations are over and forgotten, Tau chapter has had a chance "to sit up and notice things" for a while.

A matinee dance was given by the eleven women's fraternities represented at Northwestern, so that they might become better acquainted, meet the new members and promote the kindly feeling among them. It was a great success and everyone had a good time.

A movement is now on foot among the college women to increase the college spirit, which is sadly lacking, by holding a series of informal gatherings. This is a very interesting development and every one is doing her utmost to help it along.

The Pan-Hellenic association holds its meetings regularly and although so new and strange to us, it has proved a great benefit to all.

Early in April the Junior Play is given and our four Juniors are anxiously looking forward to it, the others a little jealously hoping it will not be "as good as theirs." We are also anticipating a very fine time at our annual dance, to be held April the twenty-ninth at which we, with our alumnae, entertain our many friends.

But above everything else comes the convention, we are patiently waiting to hear definitely about it and each girl hopes she can be there, although some know it is only another castle in the air that may fall at any moment, however great is the pleasure of planning to go.

We are very sorry to lose Mable Currer, one of our Juniors, who returned home to California in February, this was a great loss to us and we miss her keenly.

FLORENCE JENKINS.

## UPSILON — UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA.

Upsilon sends hearty greetings to each chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta! We regret to think that this is our

last JOURNAL of the college year. Every swiftly passing year means a change in the fraternity.

The University of Minnesota has been quite curious to see the outcome of a certain bill which has been introduced into the legislature. It first read to the effect that in all schools which received state support, fraternities and sororities should be prohibited. Now, however, it has been amended and includes only High Schools and State Normals. Certainly the fraternities of the University are in favor of the exclusion of fraternities from High Schools, but it is very doubtful whether this measure can be accomplished by law.

Another fact which makes us especially interested in the legislature just now, is the fact that every possible means is being exerted to secure an appropriation for the erection of a Woman's Building on the Campus. Already \$1,400 has been raised through the faithful efforts of Woman's League of the University. It is hoped to greatly increase this sum by the "Carnival of Nations" which is to be given April 29, in the Armory. The plan is to have the girls of the University take charge of booths which represent the different nations. Last year a carnival was undertaken and carried through very successfully and, from every indication, even better results are expected this year.

As examination time approaches and we begin to count the weeks before the close of college, we are making our plans for next year. It is very doubtful whether we will this year, have a house-party at the close of college as we have formerly done, so all our rushing schemes will have to be perfected before we leave college.

Of course, we will keep the fraternity house open next year. Now that we have had an opportunity to appreciate a fraternity house, we could not give it up very easily. There are several of the girls, who did not come back this year, who will be in college again next year, so we feel

very much encouraged as to our prospects for the coming year.

One of the subjects which is now of absorbing interest to us is Convention. At least two of the active girls besides the delegate are going, and it is needless to add that all the rest of us would go if it were possible. It is, indeed, a fine opportunity for the western girls to go east, besides having the advantage of attending convention.

Since the last chapter letter, we have passed through the ordeal of fraternity examination. As there was a very small proportion of us that had ever taken fraternity examinations, we were quite excited over the idea, but now it is amusing to think of the hopeless tangle we got into, trying to learn the chapter roll and all the details of the constitution and by-laws. Altogether it was rather a scared bunch of girls who crowded into one of the girls' rooms and crammed excitedly for the last fifteen minutes before the examination. But, after it is all over, we realize how beneficial it was. Many things we never would have learned unless we had been obliged to. It seems very advisable that there should be a standing educational committee in each chapter whose duty should be to arrange the study of fraternity constitution, history, policy, etc., so that the members will be constantly informed of these matters, because anything learned under such a strain, as we experienced during the examination time, will soon be forgotten.

This spring, there are to be a number of good track meets at the University of Minnesota, which are always of interest. An innovation has been planned for us this year, the girls' indoor track meet. Unfortunately, the movement is not very popular with the girls of the University, due, doubtless, to its novelty here.

An inter-fraternity track-meet is to be held in April, and the winners of the first, second and third places are to be rewarded with handsome banners which are to be made by the girls of the fraternities.

To crown the spring gaiety, there will be the Commencement Days with their bright and sober side. Then the Seniors go from us and we have to work the harder to take their places.

PERRIE JONES.

PSI — UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN.

The one absorbing theme of conversation among most Wisconsin girls just at present is bowling. For several weeks, the inter-sorority bowling contest has been going on and we have not yet been beaten. The five girls who compose the team are important people in the fraternity, indeed we feel that the intimate association of the bowling contests is doing much to further friendship among girls of different fraternities, and to do away with the somewhat narrow line that fraternity girls are inclined to draw.

Now that spring days are here, the Seniors who are being fêted with luncheons, receptions and spreads, are appearing in their senior caps and gowns with becoming gravity.

We are even now enjoying a visit from Mrs. Norton, who is the Theta delegate to the Inter-Sorority Conference, and Miss Irene Parkes, who is president of Delta alumnae chapter. At our invitation, four active and two alumnae members of each sorority gathered at our house, where Mrs. Norton spoke to them about the Inter-Sorority Conference and what it is hoping to accomplish, and pointed out what the evils of the present system of rushing are. We are hoping that this talk of Mrs. Norton's will do much to lead to a settlement of some of the difficult questions that face us here, and to more active work in the Pan-Hellenic, which has not been much of a success here.

ELISE F. DEXTER.

ALPHA THETA — UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS.

Very little has happened since our last letter; we are all pursuing calmly the even tenor of our way without having any intensely thrilling experiences. Miss Kyle, one of

the National Y. W. C. A. secretaries, was here for a few days and we all enjoyed her talks to the girls very much. We have had one glimpse of life in another chapter, through Mrs. Sutherland, a Theta from Indiana State University, who spared a day or two for Austin, from her Texas tour.

Several of us are busy practising for the so-called "Ashbel Show," the annual performance for the benefit of the University, given by the Ashbel Literary Society. This year it is to be "Midsummer Night's Dream," and three of our girls will have parts in it. Another of our members who has been specially honored is Alma Proctor, who was made Chairman of the Patronesses of the Final Ball. This is the first time any University girl has held this position. The University at large is especially interested just now in base ball; our team starts on its trip in a week or ten days.

All the Thetas are interested in convention, and talk about it a great deal. We hope that several of us can go besides the delegate; we should all enjoy so much learning to know chapter-life in other colleges. Then here's to our meeting at convention.

E. A. GREER.

### **Gamma District**

#### PHI — STANFORD UNIVERSITY.

In the loss of our benefactress, Mrs. Stanford, we feel that not only we, but also every college woman in the land, have lost a great friend. Hers was a generosity broad enough to realize a girl's ambitions and to give them opportunity for cultivation. Without her, the years which we shall always count as the best in our lives would be impossible. Until you have seen the University, there can be no real idea of the magnitude of her gift. It is a privilege to have come in contact with her gracious manners and kindness. The world is better for her having lived in it and no eulogy is greater than that. The funeral services were exceedingly impressive and the diversity of interests represented, shows the high esteem in which she was held

The University seems dedicated anew and will remain forever a memorial to her greatness.

There has been little activity in the line of student affairs. Pi Beta Phi has been reinstated, and our invitations for a tea in honor of Pi Beta Phi and Gamma Phi Beta were recalled on account of Mrs. Stanford's death.

In April the whole chapter will accept the invitation of Omega, for a reunion and week-end house party at the time of the Inter-Collegiate Field meet.

There have been no social events in college, but long walks in the hills, rowing on the lake, picnic suppers and parties in the girls' rooms have been very pleasant diversions.

As usual at this time of year, Phi has been fortunate in visits from Thetas who are touring California, and we are always more than glad to welcome them.

MARY A. MOORE.

OMEGA — UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA.

It is Lent, so a certain quietness prevails about the campus now, the formal college functions giving place to a greater activity in college sports. The tennis courts are always filled, many walks are taken in the hills and canyons that rise up back of the University grounds, and the boats on Lake Merritt are seldom empty. There is vigorous work being done on the track and baseball field, for the intercollegiate baseball games are now being played, and field day with Stanford is to take place on April 15. We are looking forward to this day with much pleasure, for Phi chapter will be Omega's guests over Saturday and Sunday.

In February the Prytanean Society, an honorary organization among the senior and junior girls, presented the "Mikado," with the help of some of the other college students, for the benefit of a hospital to be erected on the campus. About the same time the sophomores played a burlesque of "Hamlet." Although it was filled with college

hits and college fun, it was a piece of good literary work and the whole college was pleased, for it showed that the general sentiment for raising and strengthening college dramatics is taking effect.

Our charter day exercises were held in the Greek theater. Dr. Henry Van Dyke was one of the speakers, and his address was an inspiration and stimulus to nobler womanhood and manhood for many students who heard it.

We have been having some of the happiest fraternity meetings at the homes of some of our alumnæ. Last term Mrs. Price, one of our faculty alumnæ, invited us to her home. One evening we went to Mrs. William Olney's, and one evening we met at the home of our grand president, Ednah Wickson. Besides being very enjoyable, they are most helpful, for our alumnæ advise us on the same problems that perplexed them in their college days, and we all learn to know each other in work as well as in play.

Omega in sending her last JOURNAL letter has to realize that the term is nearly over — that in a few weeks we will be anxiously plodding our way through the final examinations which usher in the joyous and exciting commencement week, ending with our senior dinner, given by the freshmen. This evening is together the saddest and gladdest event of the college year for all of us — a night when fraternity means much.

Besides seeing this in the future of our own little world, we know the grand convention meets in the east, and how we all wish Pennsylvania were nearer the Pacific! Helen Parker is to be Omega's delegate, and some of the other girls are anxiously scanning the horizon for the incoming of a hoped-for ship that might bear them hither, but we who can only watch for our little row-boats, with their light burden, send the best wishes for a most happy and prosperous convention.

FLORENCE VERY WILSON.

## ALUMNAE DEPARTMENT

### Time and Place of Chapter Meetings

Gamma Alumnæ, New York City — 11:30 A. M., first Saturday of each month, January to April, inclusive, at Hotel Martha Washington, 29 East 29th Street. Meetings are held in Private Dining Room, and all who wish remain for lunch.

Eta Alumnæ, Burlington, Vt. — Monthly, from November to June, at homes of members.

Alpha Alumnæ, Greencastle, Ind. — 2:30 P. M., second Saturday of each month from September to May, at homes of members.

Epsilon Alumnæ, Columbus, Ohio — 5-8 P. M., first Saturday of each month, at homes of members.

Zeta Alumnæ, Indianapolis, Ind. — 2:30 P. M., first Saturday of each month, at homes of members.

Mu Alumnæ, Cleveland, O. — Second Saturday of each month, at homes of members.

Kappa Alumnæ, Pittsburg, Pa. — Once in two months, at homes of members.

Lambda Alumnæ, Athens, Ohio — No specified time.

Beta Alumnæ, Minneapolis, Minn. — 3 P. M., second Saturday of each month, at homes of members.

Delta Alumnæ, Chicago, Ill. — 10:30 A. M., third Saturday of each month, at Marshall Field's Tea Room. Luncheon at twelve.

Xi Alumnæ, Kansas City, Mo. — 2:30 P. M., last Saturday of each month, at homes of members.

Iota Alumnæ, Los Angeles, Cal. — Second Saturday of each month, at homes of members.

## ALPHA ALUMNÆ.

Once a month do the busy women of Alpha Alumnæ put aside the cares and duties of every-day life and with pleasant anticipations hasten to our regular meetings. These are held at the homes of members. Our program is threefold: first, business; second, literary; third, social. The literary program is usually a conversation on a topic assigned by the program committee, with an appointed leader; and many are the animated discussions of live topics that we have engaged in from time to time.

But once a year this is varied. The March meeting is known as Letter Day, and all former members of our circle are invited to join us at that time. Last month this was unusually interesting, for twenty-nine letters awaited us.

Eleven states were represented, and the tone of the letters was as varied as the temperament of the writers, or the climate in which they were written. One is as a fresh breeze from the south, laden with mirth and fun; another comes from a patiently-suffering invalid; from one we get impressions of a Hoosier, in South America; from another glimpses of the lives of our California sister Thetas. One writes: "I cherish the memory of associations in K A Θ. Inspiration came to me in those days, that has been a lodestar through all the years of activity. I am following the 'kite,' whether the breezes are favorable or the winds blow cold." So, from North, South, East and West, and from within the boundaries of own state come the messages of good cheer, of friendship and love.

At the close of the meeting the package of letters was taken by the corresponding secretary again, and, with the home letter added, it is started on its round, that each absent one may hear from all the others at least once a year.

If you have not tried having Letter Day, add it to your program, and we are sure it will give an added pleasure to the year.

That this may be a "year of good cheer and boundless

and abiding joy" to each and every Theta is the wish of the "Old Girls of Alpha."

BELLE S. HANNA.

BETA ALUMNÆ — MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

Our Alumnæ Chapter has followed no literary program this year, for our one thought and subject for discussion has been the same as that of the active chapter, "Our House." How to help the younger girls with this at times perplexing problem has been the one absorbing topic. It certainly requires much courage and perseverance to establish and successfully manage a fraternity house, but when a chapter once lives in one even the alumnæ wonder how they ever lived without it so many years.

It is largely due to Perrie Jones, our house president, that everything is running so smoothly now. All the active chapter are to be commended for their faithful work this year in this line, and we alumnæ are only sorry we could not have aided them more.

Beta Alumnæ usually takes luncheon at the chapter house the day we hold our meeting. This is, of course, an added pleasure, as we can have a little social time together before the regular business meeting.

We have been very fortunate this year, for we older members have entertained the two chapters often. Social evenings together help us so much, bringing the active and alumnæ girls more in sympathy with one another. Mrs. Aldrich, Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. Burch have given us such happy evenings at their homes.

May all the chapters of Kappa Alpha Theta who are not now blessed with a "house" soon have one, for they are missing much more than they realize.

JANE P. BENNETT.

EPSILON ALUMNAE — COLUMBUS, OHIO.

The April meeting of Epsilon Alumnae was made espe-

cially enjoyable by the presence of the college chapter, thirty-six sitting down to supper.

We were much interested in the report of Mary Loren, the Theta alumnae representative for the Pan-Hellenic Association. A tentative constitution was submitted to us for discussion, by which it is proposed to govern the association, and it is gratifying to feel that the labors of the Inter-fraternity Conference are to bear some good fruit and that the day is at hand when vexed questions of rushing, high school fraternities and their kind, may be solved through the medium of these boards, composed of two representatives from each woman's fraternity. It is hoped that a Pan-Hellenic banquet may be given in May, to which all members of Kappa Kappa Gamma, Pi Beta Phi, Delta Delta Delta and Kappa Alpha Theta in Columbus will be invited.

May 24, the chapter birthday will be celebrated as usual, with a banquet.

Just now, six Columbus Thetas plan to attend the convention. Perhaps more may later decide to share in the joy and enthusiasm which a national convention can best give.

FLORENCE L. BELL.

ZETA ALUMNAE — INDIANAPOLIS, IND.

The dull winter months are gone, but they have been measured off by delightful monthly meetings of our Theta Alumnae, and much new life has come with the new faces of visitors from far and near. Our February meeting had the largest number in attendance. This being the time of the state oratorical contest in Indianapolis, we invited all visiting Thetas to attend our regular meeting. Also, upon that day we entertained the twelve Butler College girls, who are so eagerly hoping to receive a Theta charter.

At our March meeting we had a rare treat in a bright paper upon "My Impressions and Experiences in Spain," read by Emma Virginia Pearson. Miss Pearson is quite a traveler, and has the rare faculty of seeing and telling in a most intelligent manner.

Zeta Alumnæ have determined upon a definite work each year, and are to have special thought for the library of the local Young Woman's Christian Association. A gift of a set of books has already been made. One of the members, who is much interested in the work of the Young Woman's Christian Association, presented the savings box, which is rather unique in design, combining the colors of the fraternity and the Y. W. C. A. This saving box is to catch the fines and free-will offerings each meeting, and once a year will be opened and the money used in the purchase of books for the Y. W. C. A. library. In this way Zeta will exist for a purpose other than her own selfish pleasure. At the April meeting officers for next year were elected as follows: President, Mrs. Lilla Hanna Berryhill; Vice-President, Mrs. Jennie Hanna Brown; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Anna Carter Wood; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Louise Tutewiler; Treasurer, Mrs. Elsie Applegate Drapier; Corresponding Editor, Miss Augusta Stevenson; delegate to biennial convention, Mrs. Elizabeth Clinton Eichrodt. Zeta Alumnæ hopes to be represented by several members at the convention.

CORA CAMPBELL BARNETT.

KAPPA ALUMNAE — PITTSBURG, PA.

The Kappa Alumnæ chapter may be reported in a very healthy and therefore happy condition. Our members come from the four quarters of the city and its suburbs, and the meetings are not so frequent as we would enjoy, but especial effort is made by each one to attend the four during the year and particularly the luncheon in honor of Founders' Day. This year, as formerly, it was held at the Hotel Schenley, with Mrs. Sion B. Smith as toast mistress and the following list was responded to: "Founders' Day," Miss Weeks; "Confound," Miss Merchant; "Dumfound," Miss Boss; "Foundations," Mrs. Thorp. Most of our members are from Mu (Allegheny College, Meadville), and Alpha Delta

(Woman's College, of Baltimore), but Wooster, Nebraska, and Cornell are also represented. The girls are very congenial in the Theta atmosphere, and we wish we might meet Thetas from still other colleges who happen to be in Pittsburg for a time. Mrs. John A. Wood, Jr., of 5020 Liberty Avenue, is the new secretary, to whom names may be sent. Our November meeting was with her, and pictures were shown and interesting notes read of her recent trip to Hawaii. In mid-winter came the annual Founders' Day luncheon, in the hands of a very capable committee. Saturday, April 1, Mrs. Sion B. Smith entertained fifteen members at her pretty new home, in honor of our retiring President, Miss Emma Fowler Weeks, who goes soon to Philadelphia as Mrs. Crispin. It was through her efforts and at her home that Kappa Alumnae was organized, and she represented the chapter in the convention at Minneapolis. She is the life of all our gatherings and we shall be very sorry to lose her.

Miss Anna Slease will have the May meeting at her home, in Sheridanville, where there will be a fine opportunity to commune with nature. We very much wish we were near enough an active chapter to have a part at initiations. Meanwhile, let us discourage high school "fraternities," and bid the students wait for the "real thing," which means peace and everlasting joy in good-fellowship.

HENRIETTA MILLER COUSE.

XI ALUMNAE — KANSAS CITY, MO.

The February meeting of Xi alumnae, held at the home of Mrs. John Saunders, was informal and not very largely attended, but it was the occasion for much enthusiastic talking and planning—of rather an indefinite nature it is true—for the future year. The advisability of sending a delegate to convention this summer was touched upon, and all agreed that it is most desirable. Aside from the financial consideration involved, it is much harder to find available delegates in an alumnae than in a college chapter, for the reason that

the women who compose our alumnae chapter seem to have more complicated plans and more urgent demands on their time than their younger sisters whose vacation days are intended for just such good things as fraternity conventions.

The March meeting at the home of Miss Marie Nettleton was turned into an afternoon at "bridge." The uncertainty of the weather which has been a persistent destroyer of big meetings all winter, kept a number of members at home, but those who were out thoroughly enjoyed Miss Nettleton's gracious hospitality.

At our next meeting which will come too late to write of to the JOURNAL, we will decide about sending a delegate to convention..

We have just received news of the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Hall of New York. Mrs. Hall was formerly Miss Katherine Dunn, one of our charter members, and a most loyal and well beloved sister.

DARLENE DOUBLEDAY.

## PERSONALS

### Lambda

Miss Effie Moore, '76, is acting as principal in the Burlington High School, during the absence of Professor Thomas.

Margaret Healey, '01, is teaching in the High School, at Middlebury, Vermont.

Mrs. Julia Wing Brown, '76, of Brooklyn, N. Y., has been visiting in Burlington.

### Chi

On February 24th, Chi received a visit from Adelaide Van Alstine Yard, '97, of Horseheads, N. Y., also, from Mabel Howe Mable, ex-'03, of Binghamton, N. Y.

Eva Smith, '03, and Luclair Smith, ex-'03, are spending some weeks in Syracuse.

Beatrice C. Throop, '04, visited at the chapter house, March 24-27.

On February 28th, at Akron, N. Y., occurred the marriage of Maisa I. Parker, ex-'04, to Frederick Nusbickle. Mr. Nusbickle is an alumnus of the University and a member of the Delta Upsilon fraternity. Mr. and Mrs. Nusbickle will spend several months in California.

Dr. Annie Bingham, '00, of Watertown, N. Y., and Jennie Bingham, ex-'00, of the Folts Mission Institute, Herkimer, N. Y., were our guests, March 19th.

### Alpha Beta

Millo McCain, '04, who has been living in Colorado, has returned to Philadelphia.

The engagement is announced of Mary Stuart Washburn, ex-'06, to Mr. James J. Lippincott, Phi Kappa Psi, '05.

The engagement is announced of Mary B. Hawke,

1901, to Mr. Francius Josef Torchiana, of Universities of Pennsylvania and Virginia.

Mary A. Parry, ex-'04, and Mr. William W. Turner, Phi Kappa Psi, 1902, were married at Riverton, N. J., on March 18th. Alice R. Sullivan, 1904, Marguerite Campion, 1904, and Annie S. Hawke, 1904, acted as bridesmaids. Mr. and Mrs. Turner will live in Brooklyn, N. Y.

Helen S. Moore, 1899, was married on April 5th, to Mr. Erwin Eugene Lanpher, at Atlantic City, N. J. Mr. and Mrs. Lanpher are living at 830 Mellon St., Pittsburg, Pa.

Mrs. Herbert Jenkins (Mary Ash) gave a very enjoyable informal tea to the chapter on March 17th.

### Alpha Delta

Alpha Delta enjoyed a visit from Juliet S. Crosset of Iota.

Mary Boss and Florence Walther will spend the summer abroad.

Grace Simis Wright and Suzanne Sands Imperatori both spent some time in Baltimore early in March.

Emma Weeks will be married at her home in Pittsburg in April, to Mr. Frank Crispan of Philadelphia.

Alice J. Dinger and Carrie L. Sarles have been spending the winter at Southern Pines, N. C.

### Alpha

Mrs. Florence Young Neff of South Bend, Indiana, died March 12, 1905. Although few girls of our active chapter have ever met her, we have all heard of her beautiful personality.

Mrs. Margaretta Nutt Helm has recently moved to Exeter, Massachusetts, where her husband teaches in the Philips Exeter Academy.

Mrs. Francis Arnold Scripps has been visiting her sister Edna, in Greencastle, for several weeks.

Miss Edna Arnold has charge of Miss Druly's pupils in the Music School, while Miss Druly is studying abroad.

### Eta

Amy Burt of Lambda, now a teacher in the Mount Pleasant Normal, visited Eta during the recent meeting of the Michigan Schoolmasters' Club.

Zoe Schurtz, '00, Margaret Jones, '01, Carrie Mowry, '00, and Mrs. Edith Rice Swain, '98, are among the alumnæ whom we have entertained this semester.

Charlotte Walker is in the Bermuda Islands.

On February eighteenth, Myra Post Cady entertained thirty-one Thetas at a luncheon in her home on Jefferson Street, Detroit.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Herbert King Oakes (Harriet Waller), on March 26, 1905, a son.

Janet Grudie, '04, who is teaching in Battle Creek High School, spent her spring vacation in Ann Arbor.

Isabelle Fyfe has the position of librarian in the St. Joseph, Michigan Public Library.

Charlotte Bissell is teaching in Monroe (Michigan) High School.

Bernice Bond who was compelled to leave college last fall on account of ill health, is now much improved and expects to return next year.

Helen Post, '03, is visiting in New York and Baltimore.

Mrs. Kenneth Smoot, '81, of Chicago, one of the Junior Hop Chaperones, spent an evening with us during her short visit here.

The engagement of Mary Stewert, '04, to Harold Hooker, '04 Sigma Nu, is announced.

### Pi

Emma Osborne Northwood's address is 30 Walton Place, Chicago, Ill.

Born to Prof. and Mrs. Charles Jacobs (Mary Cooper), of Ypsilanti, March 24, a son.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Everett, of Orange, N. J., a son, Edward Everett, Jr. Mrs. Everett was Belle Blowers.

Genevieve Pope took first prize in the "Pleiad" story contest.

Pearl Jones has been spending the winter in Florida.

### Rho

Born to Zelia Cornell Mickle, a son.

Jessie McFarland, of Los Angeles, has spent several weeks in Lincoln.

Born to Hallie Post Moore, a son.

Myra Davis, of Alpha, who is a member of the Shogun Company, visited the chapter during her stay in Lincoln.

Born to Selma Wiggenghorn, Pancoast, a daughter.

### Upsilon

Edna Kenyon, ex-'05, is to be married to Richard Collins, '04, Delta Upsilon, in the early part of June.

Cora Wells, '03, of Eta chapter, spent a few days with us during the last of March. She was the guest of honor of many little luncheons, receptions and informal good times.

Bessie B. Scripture, '04, has been home on a vacation from teaching school.

Ruth Leonard, '04, and Josephine Thomas, '04, were also home for a week's vacation.

Blanche Stanford, '02, is now teaching in Sandstone, Minn.

Louise Chapman, '08, entertained very delightfully at euchre for the active girls on March 25.

Adelaide and Eugenie Lamphere gave a spread for the active chapter, at their home in St. Paul.

The active chapter had a luncheon at Donaldson's tea rooms, March 11.

**Psi**

The marriage of Esther Donnelly to Mr. Robert Tynes Smith, Gamma Phi Delta, will take place in May.

Mrs. C. S. Beech and Kittie Button, of Psi, and Mrs. Veatch, of Phi, visited the chapter recently.

**Alpha Theta**

Ethel Oliphint, '04, is teaching at her home in Waco. Birdie Jagoe, '03, was married on the third of March to Mr. C. A. Preston. The Prestons are living in Virginia.

Lillian Greer, '03, is teaching school in Waco.

Katherine Petty, '04, is spending the winter at her home in Orange.

Susie Weld is teaching school in Beaumont.

Mrs. Hermann Goldschmidt (Gretchen Rochs, '03) is living in San Antonio.

**Phi**

Mrs. Watson and Mrs. Ladd, Rho, made the chapter a short visit while touring in California.

Maisa Parker Nusbickel, Chi, and Mr. Nusbickel; Alice Jones, Upsilon, and her sister, have been among the visitors at Phi this month.

Maida Rossiter, Iota, whose home for the winter has been in Palo Alto, has visited the chapter and told us a great deal of life at Cornell.

Sara Reid Park, Phi, '04, has returned to California from Salt Lake City, and has entered St. Luke's, the training hospital in San Francisco.

**Omega**

Lena M. Macaulay, 1900, has announced her engagement to Mr. Forest Hill, of Sacramento. She will be married June 20, 1905.

Clara Walton, '04, who is engaged to Dr. Prescott, of

the University of California, will be married at her home in Los Angeles on April 27, 1905.

A son was born to Mrs. Percivel Lewis (Evelyn Shepard, M. A., '96), in February.

Bertha Newell, 1894-'98, is taking work in the University of California.

Omega is looking forward to meeting Mrs. John Henry Comstock, of Iota, who is coming from Cornell University to lecture on nature study in the summer session of the University of California.

## NEWS FROM THE COLLEGE WORLD

Northwestern University has been given a new athletic field, with an area of 35 acres, the largest in the west.

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Andrew Carnegie is devoting some of his surplus funds in the interests of the smaller colleges. \$25,000 goes to Allegheny College and \$50,000 to Dickinson College, on condition that each raise a sum equal to his gift.

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The general assembly of Vermont has appropriated \$60,000 for the use of the agricultural department of the University of Vermont. The money is to be expended in the erection and equipment of a building to be known as Morrill Agricultural Hall, in memory of the father of the agricultural colleges of the country, the late Senator Justin S. Morrill.

*Phi Delta Theta.*

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As an aid to foreign students a cosmopolitan club has been formed at Cornell. The membership includes twenty different nationalities, and among the officers are a New Zealander, a Chinese, and a German.

*Phi Delta Theta.*

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Dr. Charles F. Thwing, president of Western Reserve University, has recently declared that the failure to increase academic salaries in proportion to the increase in the cost of living is turning away from the colleges the best type of men.

*Sigma Alpha Epsilon.*

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An appropriation of \$25,000 for the establishment and support of a school of forestry in the University of California has been made by the State Legislature. This school of forestry will be second in importance, only, to that situated at Sheffield scientific department of Yale University.

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An interesting series of lectures was given at the University of California in March by Funck-Bretano, the noted French publicist. He was the speaker secured for the annual series of Hyde French

lectures given through the generosity of Mr. James H. Hyde of New York.

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The summer session of the University of California will open June 26 and close August 4. Among those who will constitute the faculty are Professor Wilhelm Ostwald of Leipzig University for chemistry; Professor Ludwig Boltzmann of the University of Vienna for physics; Professor Moore of University of Chicago, mathematics; Professor Baldwin of Johns Hopkins, philosophy; Professor Seymour of Yale, Greek, and Mrs. John Henry Comstock of Cornell University, nature study.

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John D. Archbold, president of the board of trustees of Syracuse University, has recently given a sum to be used for a stadium and a new athletic field. The present athletic field will be used for two years more, while the new grounds are being prepared and the stadium erected.

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Andrew Carnegie has given \$150,000 for a library for Syracuse University. The University has pledged itself to give an equal amount for the same purpose.

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A local fraternity, Zeta Rho, has been established in Syracuse University, and is applying for a national charter. There are now nine national fraternities, nine national sororities, and a local society for women in the University.

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Gamma Phi Beta established its new chapter at Stanford University, January 9, 1905.

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The General Assembly of Indiana has passed, and Governor Hanly has signed a bill exempting from taxation the property of college fraternities, including chapter houses. This bill was introduced by Representative Ruick, of Indianapolis, who is one of the general officers of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity, and passed both branches of the legislature practically without opposition. The measure is in line with other legislation exempting from taxation the property of fraternal and beneficiary organizations. It will give a decided impetus to the movement for chapter house ownership in Indiana. The enactment of this measure in Indiana ought to be followed by similar legislation in other states.

*Phi Kappa Psi.*

A new edition of Mr. Raymond Baird's "American College Fraternities" will be published this spring. Price \$2.00. Orders may be sent to the editor. Every chapter should have a copy of this invaluable fraternity text-book.

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Of the forty-five states only six are now unoccupied by fraternities — South Dakota, North Dakota, Wyoming, Idaho, Utah, Nevada. No fraternity has yet entered any of the territories, but it would not be surprising soon to see a chapter at Oklahoma.

*Phi Delta Theta.*

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General Lew Wallace, the well-known author of Ben Hur, died in Crawfordsville, Indiana, on February 15th. General Wallace was a member of Psi chapter of Phi Gamma Delta, at Wabash College, Indiana.

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"Acana" is the name of the new Masonic college organization, which has three chapters, Aleph at Michigan, Beth at Leland Stanford, and Gimel at Lawrence, Kan., Hebrew letters being used to designate the chapters. Only Masonic students and faculty members are eligible to membership, and the aim of the new organization differs from the usual Greek letter fraternity in that the social side is not predominant. Loyalty to Masonic principles and higher education are the cardinal points. This fraternity will probably lead to complications such as have arisen over T. N. E.

*Delta Upsilon.*

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Phi Kappa Psi has fourteen representatives in Congress.

## EXCHANGES

We are glad to acknowledge the following exchanges:

Caduceus of Kappa Sigma, Alpha Phi Quarterly, The Phi Gamma Delta, Eleusis of Chi Omega, Sigma Chi Quarterly, Rainbow of Delta Tau Delta, Key of Kappa Kappa Gamma, Record of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Garnet and White of Alpha Chi Rho, Crescent of Gamma Phi Beta, Shield of Phi Kappa Psi, Scroll of Phi Delta Theta, Alpha Tau Omega Palm, Trident of Delta Delta Delta, Delta Upsilon Quarterly, Lyre of Alpha Chi Omega, Centaur of Alpha Kappa Kappa, Kappa Alpha Journal.

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The editor of the QUARTERLY recently had the pleasure of spending an evening with the editor of the Kappa Alpha Theta. During the conversation this question was evolved: Why not have a regular plan of comparison among the different Greek letter organizations for women? Surely such plan must prove of benefit to all concerned. Whatever is of value in the methods of one organization is most likely to prove helpful to another; if our organizations are well conducted in all lines of work it means that we shall be of greater service to those we are, by our own declarations, bound to aid—the young college women. Probable it is that the greatest obstacle to such open conferences is the prejudice in some minds that we shall divulge our secrets. But we ought to be able to discriminate between what is secret and what is not; what is vital and what is secondary. The QUARTERLY is in sympathy with all measures that lead to a better understanding among sororities. We believe that they may best accomplish their work by mutual conferences and mutual action.

*Alpha Phi Quarterly.*

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## A Fraternity Girl's Symphony

(Suggested by Channing's Symphony.)

To live constantly above snobbery of word or deed; to place scholarship before social obligations, and character before appearances; to be, in the best sense, democratic, rather than "exclusive," and lovable rather than "popular"; to work earnestly, to speak kindly, to act sincerely, to choose thoughtfully that course which occasion and conscience demand; to be womanly always; to be

discouraged never; in a word to be loyal under any and all circumstances to my Fraternity and her highest teachings, and to have her welfare ever at heart, that she may be a symphony of high purpose and helpfulness in which is no discordant note.

*Chi Omega.*

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In the manifold activity for the man or the girl of present day college life, it would seem, as often pointed out recently by educators, that too little room is left for the intellectual life, the cultivation of which is supposedly to the student the matter of chief importance. The odds for familiarity with the real lessons of intellectual application, for familiarity with the best in the world of letters, belong rather with the old generation than with the new. In the days when the college world was simpler and smaller, that contempt for books, as such, and for reading of tried and permanent worth, now so characteristic of the average graduate, man or woman, was to be found only in special cases. It may be affirmed without danger of exaggeration that the average present day student seems scarcely to have heard of classic works in our literature or of beautiful poems which the older generation knew by heart. Many a graduate, prominent in his or her college career, is unable to write a correct and cultured — a really literate — letter. The strenuous life of the present absorbs for the student energies that might otherwise go to the application of the lessons of the class-room, and time that might otherwise be spent in that natural abiding-place of the student in unoccupied hours, the college library. If the modern college girl knows the ins and outs of college politics, of college society, of shopping, of sport, of finance, of printing, it seems with her as with her even more active and confident brother, the college man, to be at the cost of considerable culture.

*Kappa Kappa Gamma.*

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All over the land our Kappa sisters are no doubt congratulating themselves that the exigencies and responsibilities of "rushing" have been met, and met pretty squarely too, and that now our troubles are over. After the initiation it was a relief to look at our new sisters and say: "Well, they are all wearing the key, and we can eat and sleep, and think of something besides eligible freshmen."

Isn't it an easy and pleasant attitude to drift into? Oh yes, we care for them, a hundred times more than in the days when we dined and drove and danced with them. But are they made

quite sure of it? The shy little girl who came too late to get into the house, is she content with her new sisters? And is she studying quite as much as she ought? And is she making just the sort of friends you hoped she would make? And, by the way, is all her knowledge of fraternity matters to be bounded by the short compass of three or four days' cramming for the spring examination? Have you spared an hour or two to go over with her the Convention Minutes that you "old girls" found so interesting? Or did she just hear a hasty report read in an over-full chapter meeting, and rush home in a hurry wondering why they made her late to dinner bothering over that stupid "National Fraternity business"? She isn't much interested in the "national" part of it, anyway.

Girls, if this isn't a true sketch of conditions existing between you and that little freshman, why don't take it to heart; but if "the shoe fits" — At least, let's think it over pretty seriously, and be sure that we are giving a full share of love and sympathy and comradeship to our newest sisters.

*Kappa Kappa Gamma.*

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